

November 3, 1982

Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Dennis E. Gilberts
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Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the conversation between Mr. L. R. Eliason and Mr. C. Feierabend of the Region III staff scheduling November 10, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time to discuss the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. This meeting is to be held at Northern States Power Company corporate office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Regional Administrator, and members of the NRC staff will present the observations and findings of the SALP Board. Since this meeting is intended to be a forum for the mutual understanding of the issues and findings, you are encouraged to have appropriate representation at the meeting. As a minimum we would suggest you, Messrs. C. E. Larson, L. R. Eliason and W. A. Shamla, and managers for the various functional areas where problems have been identified attend the meeting.

Enclosure 1 to this letter summarizes the more significant findings identified in the SALP Board's evaluation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant for the period of July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982.

The enclosed SALP Report which documents the findings of the SALP Board is for your review prior to the meeting. Subsequent to the meeting the SALP Report will be issued by the Regional Administrator.

If you desire to make comments concerning our evaluation of your facility, they should be submitted to this office within twenty days after the meeting date; otherwise, it will be assumed that you have no comments.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice" Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the SALP Report, and your comments, if any, will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room when the SALP Report is issued.

If you have any question concerning the SALP Report we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. A. Hind, Chairman
Region III SALP Board
Director, Division of Emergency
Preparedness and Operational
Support

Enclosures:

1. Summary of Significant Findings
2. Preliminary Monticello SALP 3
Report (5 copies)

cc w/encl:

Resident Inspector, RIII

Enclosure 1

Significant SALP Report findings for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant General Observations

Overall performance continued at the high level exhibited during SALP 2 with improved performance in the areas of Emergency Preparedness and Security and Safeguards. This overall performance was characterized by a minimum of regulatory issues and a normally aggressive, conservative, and thorough approach to identified problems and tasks. Notwithstanding these positive attributes there was a decrease in performance in the area of Maintenance.

Maintenance

An overall reduction in experience level and reduced management overview combined with increased activities contributed to a decline in the normally high level of performance in this area.

Emergency Preparedness

Aggressive management attention and involvement resulted in an improved and outstanding performance in Emergency Preparedness. The few minor deficiencies identified in the Emergency Preparedness Implementation Appraisal and full scale emergency preparedness exercise place the licensee among the leaders in the emergency preparedness.

Security and Safeguards

Improved performance was evidenced by a good compliance history and responsiveness of licensee management to security concerns.