

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Northern States Power Company
Monticello Nuclear Station
and
Prairie Island Nuclear Station

Docket No. 50-263
License No. DPR-22
Dockets No. 50-282; 50-306
Licenses No. DPR-42; DPR-60
EA 90-204

During an NRC inspection conducted November 8, 1990, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 73.21(d)(2) requires, in part, that Safeguards Information be stored in a locked security storage container while unattended.

The Monticello and Prairie Island Physical Security Plans (PSP), Training and Qualification Plans (T&QP), Safeguards Contingency Plans (SCP), written physical security procedures, and the offsite response force commitments are considered safeguards information as described in 10 CFR 73.21(b)(1).

Contrary to the above, from approximately 5:00 p.m., November 2, 1990, until approximately 7:00 a.m., November 5, 1990, a security storage container located in the corporate security office containing Safeguards Information consisting of copies of the PSP, T&QP, SCP, written security procedures, and the offsite response commitments for the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Stations, was left unlocked and unattended.

This is a Severity Level III violation (Supplement III).

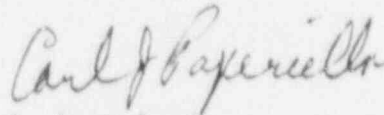
Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 the Northern States Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, 799 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137, a copy to the NRC Resident Inspectors at Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Stations, and a copy to the Director, Office of Enforcement, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be

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taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

Dated at Glen Ellyn, Illinois
the 6th day of December 1990