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Docket No. 50-282
Docket No. 50-306

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
Director of Nuclear
Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated September 15, 1982, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the noncompliance which we brought to your attention in Inspection Report No. 50-282/82-11 and 50-306/82-11 forwarded by our letter dated August 17, 1982. With respect to the violation relating to your failure to report the inadvertant partial actuation of the engineered safety features on July 7, 1982, we understand your view that the event was not a significant event and therefore not reportable under 10 CFR 50.72 (a)(7). However, during a telephone conversation between Mr. J. Streeter of this office and Mr. C. Larson of your staff on September 29, 1982, Mr. Streeter explained that such inadvertant actuations are nevertheless reportable under 10 CFR 50.72 (a)(7) and we understand you will promptly report such events in the future. We will examine these matters during a subsequent inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,



R. L. Spessard, Director
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Manager

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