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March 4, 1983

Our File: 2349150001

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington
D.C. 20555

Dear Director:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

YOUR FINDINGS AND VIEWS, IN DUPLICATE, ALONG WITH RETURN OF THIS MEMO PLUS ENCLOSURE, WILL BE APPRECIATED.

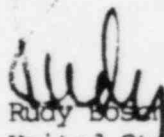
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Reply to:

Senator Rudy Boschwitz
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Many thanks.

Sincerely,



Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senator

RB/pp
Enclosure

November 26, 1982

Senator Rudy Boschwitz
2109 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

It has just come to my attention that Northern States Power Company has discovered at least 15 leaks in the pipes in the recirculation loop at their Monticello Nuclear Power Plant. I am enclosing more detailed information.

According to Dr. Michio Kaku, Professor of Nuclear Physics, and Robert Follard of the Union of Concerned Scientists, these types of leaks are extremely serious and could lead to a possible meltdown.

Rather than replace the pipes, NSP is planning to weld over the cracks and restart the plant early in December, 1982.

I would like to ask you to contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to urge that the pipes be replaced before the plant is reopened.

This situation is very urgent and I feel it calls for immediate action to try to insure the safety of all of us downwind and downstream from this power plant.

Yours truly,

Dorothy Leathers

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