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Docket No. 50-263

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and our meeting of September 21, 1983, to review the results of that assessment covering the period July 1, 1982, through June 30, 1983. A copy of the SALP 4 Report was provided for your review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed is the final SALP 4 Report that incorporates the SALP Board Chairman's letter to you and your letter of September 30, 1983.

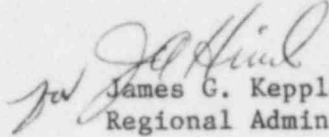
In addition to the assessments and recommendations made by the SALP Board in the enclosed SALP Report, it is my view that Northern States Power Company's overall regulatory performance at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant continued at a high level. While I note that the performance rating was lower in the areas of plant operation and licensing activities, I was pleased with the comprehensive corrective actions which were initiated to alleviate the problems identified in the control of work activities affecting facility operation. This should prevent recurring problems in that area.

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 and the SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning these matters, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

  
James G. Keppler  
Regional Administrator


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
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