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May 10, 1973

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ATTN: Mr. Leo Wachter, Vice President  
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Docket No. 50-263

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. Dance, Johnson, and Williams of this office on March 27-29 and April 4-5, 1973, of operations at the Monticello plant authorized by AEC Operating License No. DPR-22, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspectors with Mr. Larsor of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of our report of this inspection is enclosed.

Areas examined during the inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with plant personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

During this inspection, it was found that one of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with AEC requirements. The item and references to the pertinent requirements are indicated under "Enforcement Action" on page 2 of the enclosed inspection report. This matter was described in your letter to the Directorate of Licensing dated March 12, 1973. Based on our examination of your actions to correct and prevent recurrence of this violation, the matter is considered resolved and no reply to this notification is required.

This inspection included an examination of your corrective actions associated with items 9.a., 9.d., 9.i. and 14 as described in your letter of November 10, 1972, in reply to a letter from Regulatory Operations Headquarters dated October 19, 1972. We have no further questions on these matters at this time.

Based on discussions with plant representatives during this inspection, we understand that you are pursuing clarification of the code requirements related to overpressure protection of the off-gas storage tanks. We will examine your findings related to this matter during a future inspection.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the AEC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter with the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the AEC's Public Document Room. If the inspection report contains information which you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. If such an application is submitted, it must identify the basis for which information is claimed to be proprietary and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified is contained in a separate part of the document since the application, excluding this separate part, will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not receive an application to withhold information, or are not otherwise contacted within the specified time period, the enclosed report will be placed in the Public Document Room with a copy of this letter.

Unless you wish to make application to withhold information, no reply to this letter is necessary; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

Boyce H. Grier  
Regional Director

Enclosure:

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