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DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE
REGION III
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (MONTICELLO)
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The attached report of an inspection of the subject facility by Region III personnel on October 19-21, 1970, is forwarded for information. No items of noncompliance or immediate safety significance were reported.

The inspector inquired into the status of the standby gas treatment system. The licensee has continued his efforts to test the system and is pressing his contractors to complete their design review of the system. He will inform Region III of the results of these efforts and any subsequent action which is contemplated. We will continue to look into this matter.

Feedwater pump failures have been experienced during post-functional testing. Feedwater performance during run-in and testing efforts has not been acceptable. The licensee and his contractors are attempting to cope with this problem. We will continue to pursue this matter also.

The inspector has also noted that leakage through one steam isolation valve does not meet technical specification requirements. The licensee and his contractors are pursuing this matter also.

Our review of cold pipe hanger settings has indicated a final check of these settings is in order. The licensee has stated that such a verification will be performed prior to system heatup.

The above items must be resolved and/or completed prior to full power licensing in our view. Accordingly, we will verify their resolution

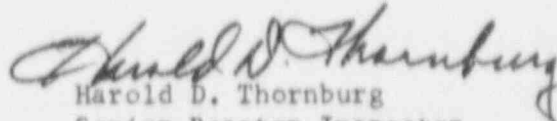
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and/. completion along with matters previously identified, prior to recommending issuance of a full power operating license for subject facility.


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Attachment:

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