NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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November 9, 1976

Mr Victor Stello, Director Division of Operating Reactors U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr Stello:





MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Mark I Containment Information

During meetings with the NRC Staff on July 7, 1976 and August 19, 1976, the Mark I Owners Group, of which Northern States Power Company is a member, presented its proposal for the remaining Mark I containment evaluation program. The first task in this program is the preparation of a document entitled "Program Action Plan". At the direction of the Mark I Owners Group, GE prepared this document and submitted 70 copies to Mr V Stello by L J Sobon's letter dated October 29, 1976. We have reviewed the Program Action Plan report submitted by GE and conclude that it accurately reflects the program that Northern States Power Company believes will lead to the generation of information necessary to complete the evaluation of the Monticello Mark I containment.

This Program Action Plan has been prepared as an integrated source of information in terms of specific tasks, objectives, and activity scheduling that will lead to the generation of a Mark I Load Definition Report (LDR). This report contains descriptions of the tasks outlined for the NRC Staff at the July and August meetings. It also indicates that consideration is being given to a full-scale two-dimensional steam test in response to K R Goller's September 19, 1976 letter to D Galle, Chairman, Mark I Owners Group. This consideration also includes an assessment of the ability to obtain representative data from other sources, including reduced scale testing. The Program Action Plan report is structured so that it can be periodically updated to reflect the precise direction or emphasis of the overall program. This is required in order to accommodate the administrative procedures that must be completed by Northern States Power Company as well as other utility members before certain program task funding authorizations can be obtained and formally reflected in the task descriptions as identification of completion dates. This format also allows for the identification of changes to or addition of tasks that may be required as a result of a change in the technical program emphasis such as load mitigation vs structural modifications.

Mr Victor Stello

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Northern States Power Company, as a member of the Mark I Owners Group, has directed GE to proceed with the activities as defined in the Program Action Plan and to perform the test facility design and/or test planning for tasks which have tentative completion dates indicated. No detrimental effect on the completion of the overall program is expected. The LDR that will be generated from this program will be utilized by Northern States Power Company to complete the evaluation of the Monticello Mark I containment. We will be actively involved during the program so that our plant unique evaluation can be completed and structural modifications, if required, can be implemented at the earliest practical opportunity. We expect to be able to document the final evaluation report within 24 months after the Mark I LDR is issued by the Mark I Owners Group. Some structural modifications may be completed after the submittal of the final evaluation report.

Yours very truly.

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Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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Attn: J W Ferman

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LETTER DATED November 9, 1976
RESPONDING TO NRC REQUESTS
FOR INFORMATION ON CONTAINMENT DESIGN

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated November 9, 1976 hereby submits information in response to NKC requests for information concerning the Mark I Containment.

This request contains no restricted or other defense information.

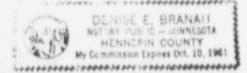
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

L J Wachter

Vice President, Power Production & System Operation

On this 9th day of November 1976, before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared L J Wachter, Vice President, Power Production and System Operation, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

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