

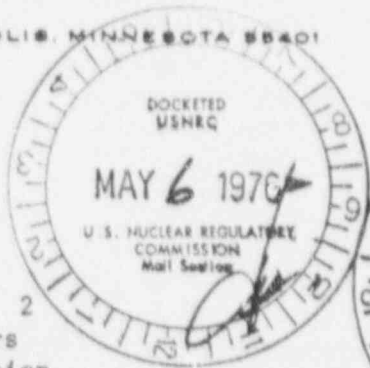
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55401

May 3, 1976

Mr. D L Ziemann, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Operating Reactors
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555



Dear Mr Ziemann:

Regulatory Docket File

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

Revision to Technical Specifications Relating to Hydraulic Snubbers

In your letter dated December 17, 1975 you requested Northern States Power Company to submit a License Amendment Request to modify the Technical Specifications covering safety related hydraulic snubbers. The modifications we were requested to submit included:

- a. Specifying what must be included in visual snubber inspections.
- b. Enlarging the scope of Table TS 3.6.1 to include information on snubber area radiation levels and ease of removal.
- c. Deletion of snubbers in High Radiation Areas or snubbers "especially difficult to remove" from functional testing.

Item (c) has presented some difficulty. We have completed an initial evaluation of each safety related snubber at Monticello and have found that the majority of the snubbers located in the drywell can be classified as either "especially difficult to remove" or located in areas of greater than 100 mR/hr after shutdown. Snubbers were considered "especially difficult to remove" if:

- a. HSSA-30 or larger in size.
- b. Greater than 5 feet above or greater than 1 foot below an installed platform.

Under the provisions of the model Technical Specifications sent to us on December 17, 1975, this would exempt most drywell snubbers from periodic

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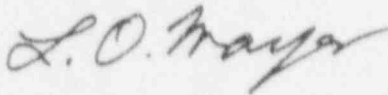
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removal for operability testing. We believe that a sampling of these snubbers should be included in those selected for functional testing.

We will continue to conduct snubber surveillance in accordance with the more restrictive Technical Specifications issued on September 15, 1976. During the next drywell snubber inspection, however, we will conduct a detailed radiation survey at the location of each safety related snubber. Following this survey we will submit the Technical Specification Change Request outlined in your December 17, 1975 letter. This submittal will most likely utilize a higher radiation level than 100 mR/hr as the criterion to exempt a snubber from inspection.

Yours very truly,



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Manager, Nuclear Support Services

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