

October 2, 1995

Mr. E. Watzl, Vice President  
Nuclear Generation  
Northern States Power Company  
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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - MONTICELLO

Dear Mr. Watzl:

On September 6, 1995, NRC Region III management and staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of the Monticello Nuclear Plant. The Region conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by regional management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for Monticello involved the participation of all Region III technical divisions as well as responsible NRR staff, in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period March 1995 to August 1995. PPRs provide regional management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the Monticello PPR review. The information is provided to enable appropriate consideration of the resource impact on your staff, and to permit scheduling conflicts and personnel availability issues to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for approximately the next 6 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the "Core" inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections, as well as periodic inspections by other assigned members of our site focus group, may occur at any time in support of the Core inspection program.

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We are interested in feedback on this program, including the need for any changes in the inspection plan, and we invite your questions or comments. If changes are necessary, you will be informed. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Michael Jordan at (708) 829-9708.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

MONTICELLO  
INSPECTION PLAN

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	PLANNED INSPECTION DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION - COMMENTS
IP 37550	Engineering & Technical Support/Engineering	2-3	In Progress	Core Inspection
IP 64704	Fire Protection/Plant Support	1	Unannounced	Core Inspection
IP 81700	Physical Security/Plant Support	1	10/16-20/95	Core Inspection
IP 83750 & IP 86750	Radiation Protection Inspection/Plant Support	1-2	1/29-2/2/96	Core Inspection
IP 82701	Emergency Preparedness Inspection/Plant Support	2	2/5-9/96	Core Inspection

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Program (mandatory all plants)