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Facility: Northern States Power Company
Monticello Nuclear Generating Station
Monticello, MN 55362

Docket: 50-263

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: WISCONSIN BOARD SEEKS DELAY IN SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS

The State of Wisconsin's Radioactive Waste Review Board approved a resolution September 13, 1984, opposing "at this time" the licensee's proposed rail shipments of spent fuel from the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station to the General Electric spent fuel storage facility near Morris, Illinois. The resolution also called for a "Federal Environmental Impact Statement."

Northern States Power announced April 25, 1984, that it was planning to ship 1,058 spent fuel assemblies by rail to the Morris facility. No timetable was given. (See PNO-III-84-35). Since then, the licensee has applied for route approval. The proposed route is currently being evaluated by the NRC staff.

The Wisconsin Review Board, which was created by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1981 "to serve as an advocate for the people of the state," cited the lack of emergency preparedness, lack of actual testing of shipping casks, lack of an environmental impact statement and lack of consideration of alternative routes, as the basis for its resolution.

On September 20, a copy of the resolution was sent to the licensee along with a cover letter from the chairman of the Wisconsin Board asking that the shipments be delayed until all concerns expressed in the resolution were resolved.

Region III (Chicago) recently received a copy of the resolution. This P# is being written for information purposes only.

There has been some media interest.

The State of Minnesota will be notified.

This information is current as of September 28, 1984.

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