

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-263

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO
OPERATING LICENSE DPR-22

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED December 20, 1995

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, requests authorization for changes to Appendix A of the Monticello Operating License as shown on the attachments labeled Exhibits A, B and C. Exhibit A describes the proposed changes, describes the reasons for the changes, and contains a Safety Evaluation, a Determination of Significant Hazards Consideration and an Environmental Assessment. Exhibit B contains current Technical Specification pages marked up with the proposed changes. Exhibit C is a copy of the Monticello Technical Specifications incorporating the proposed changes.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By *William J Hill*
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On this 21ST day of December, 1995 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared W J Hill, Plant Manager, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, 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.

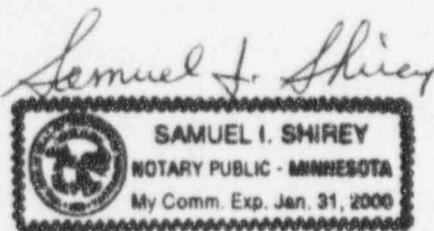


EXHIBIT A

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

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Evaluation of Proposed Changes to the Technical Specifications for Operating License DPR-22

Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59 and 50.90, the holders of Operating License DPR-22 hereby propose the following changes:

Proposed Change

To page 159 of submittal dated November 14, 1995 (*added text, deleted text*):

"Perform required visual examinations and leakage rate testing for Type A containment integrated leakage rate tests in accordance with *10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option B, as modified by approved exemptions, and* Regulatory Guide 1.163 *dated September 1995. Perform* and Type B and C tests in accordance with 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option A, as modified by approved exemptions."

Reason for Changes

As requested by the NRC for clarification of previous submittal.

Safety Evaluation

The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment adds specific references for Type A and Type B and C tests. As such, the proposed amendments are administrative changes since the actual requirements for the performance of primary containment integrated leakage rate testing are not being changed. No safety-related equipment, safety function, or plant operations will be altered as a result of the proposed amendments. The change does not affect the design, materials, or construction standards of the primary containment nor the test methods, test acceptance criteria, or testing frequencies applicable to primary containment integrated leakage rate testing. Based on the above, this

amendment will not cause a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated for the Monticello plant.

The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

As stated above, no safety-related equipment, safety function, or plant operations will be altered as a result of the proposed change. The proposed amendment does not change the primary containment design or the test methods, test acceptance criteria, or testing frequencies for primary containment integrated leakage rate testing. As such, the proposed license amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The proposed amendment does not involve any changes to the test methods, acceptance criteria, or testing frequency for primary containment integrated leakage rate testing. Thus, the proposed amendments will not affect the ability of the primary containment to perform its intended safety function and no margins of safety, as defined by the plants accident analyses, are impacted. Primary containment integrated leakage rate testing will continue to be performed in accordance with the regulatory requirements of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50. Based on the above reasoning, the proposed license amendment does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Environmental Assessment

Northern States Power has evaluated the proposed changes and determined that:

1. The change does not involve a significant hazards consideration.
2. The changes do not involve a significant change in the type or significant increase in the amounts of any effluent that may be released offsite, or
3. The changes do not involve a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

Accordingly, the proposed changes met the eligibility criterion for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR Part 51, Section 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51 Section 51.22(b), an environmental assessment of the proposed changes is not required.