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

Response to Notice of Deviation - dated July 20, 1984

This letter is sent to you in response to Inspection Report No. 263/84-11 which cited an apparent deviation from NRC requirements.

Description of Deviation

Section 10.3.1.3.1 of the FSAR states, "All circuits are supervised and the installation meets the requirements of NFPA-72D."

Section 3221 of NFPA 72D-1975 requires a permanent record indicating each time each signal transmitting station is operated shall be made at a supervising location.

During a plant tour on May 23, 1984, the inspector observed that the licensees' fire detection system does not have the capability of receiving a permanent record of signals sent to the central supervising station.

Response

In the recent updating of our FSAR, all previous design changes were reviewed for information which should be incorporated into the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR). As a result of this review, Design Change #78M002 - Install Fire Detector Equipment, was identified and the USAR was updated accordingly.

We acknowledge at this time that the fire detector system installed under the provisions of Design Change #78M002 was designed to meet the circuitry requirements of NFPA 72D-1975, but it was not intended, with the installation of this system, to make a commitment to the administrative and other requirements of this code.

It should also be noted that Section 3221 of NFPA 72D is listed under Article 320 - Guard Tour Supervisory Service, which does not apply to our plant.

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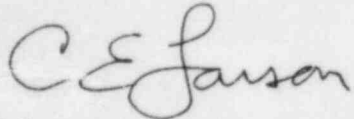
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The article that does apply is Article 330 - Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm Service, which does not have the permanent record requirement listed under it.

We will revise our USAR at the next updating of this document to recognize this situation.



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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEVIATION - DATED JULY 20, 1984

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by this letter dated August 16th hereby submits the response to Inspection Report No. 263/84-11 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

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By C E Larson
C E Larson
Vice President, Nuclear Generation

On this 16th day of August, 1984 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared C E Larson, Vice President, Nuclear Generation, 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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