September 19, 1984

Docket No. 50-263

Northern States Power Company
ATTN: Mr. C. E. Larson
      Director of Nuclear
        Generation
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter dated August 24, 1984, responding to the
violation which we brought to your attention in Inspection Report No.
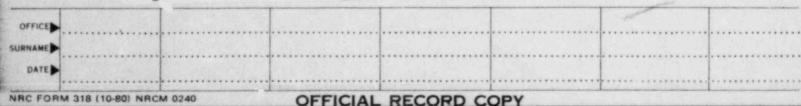50-263/84-14 forwarded by our letter dated July 26, 1984.

Subsequent to receipt of your August 24, 1984 letter, we contacted
Mr. K. Cameron (State of Washington inspector) who confirmed his estimate
of 5 to 6 gallons leakage documented in NRC Inspection Report 84-03/1500006.
We are aware that no quantitative measurements were made of the liquid which
leaked from the heat exchanger at the Richland, Washington low level burial
site, and that there were other estimates of that leakage.

We based our enforcement action not only on the State of Washington inspection
documentation but also on your failure to conduct a quality control program
sufficient to assure that the presence of liquids in solid waste packages
was identified and such liquids were solidified or absorbed such that free
standing liquids were reduced to the minimum reasonably achieveable, as required
by 10 CFR 20.311 (d)(3) and 10 CFR 61.56(a).

We do not concur with your conclusion that the violation should be rescinded.

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Inasmuch as the corrective actions described in your August 24, 1984 letter for this violation appear acceptable, no further response from you is necessary. We will review implementation of these corrective actions during a subsequent inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

L. R. Greger, Chief
Emergency Preparedness and
    Radiological Protection Branch

cc: W. A. Shamla, Plant Manager

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