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

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

Subject: POSSIBLE PROTESTS AGAINST PLANNED SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS

The NRC's Information Assessment Team has received information from a law enforcement agency concerning possible demonstrations against the planned shipments of spent reactor fuel from the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station to the General Electric Company spent fuel storage facility at Morris, Illinois.

The information received suggests that nuclear protest organizations from Minnesota and Wisconsin are planning to delay the shipments by staging protests along the route. One of the groups is alleged to be planning civil disobedience to delay the shipments.

The NRC has not received any specific schedule information on the shipments. NRC regulations require that the NRC and the states through which the shipments will pass be notified at least seven days prior to the initial shipment.

The shipping route, using the Burlington Northern Railroad and the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad, has been approved by the NRC following a security review.

Region III (Chicago) has been in contact with the licensee concerning this information. Regional office security personnel will continue to monitor the situation.

The States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois will be notified of this information.

Region III learned of the law enforcement agency information on November 9, 1984. This information is current as of 10 a.m., November 13, 1984.

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