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

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

Docket: 50-263

Subject: EXTENSIVE NEWS MEDIA INTEREST IN SPENT FUEL SHIPMENT

Minnesota and Illinois news media provided extensive news coverage on November 20, 1984, of a rail shipment of spent fuel from the Monticello Nuclear Power Station to the General Electric Company spent fuel storage facility at Morris, Illinois.

The shipment, which was comprised of two rail casks, each containing 19 spent fuel assemblies, was the first of a series of 30 shipments planned over a five year period from Monticello to General Electric.

News media were present during the departure of the shipment from Monticello, at various points along the shipping route, and at the General Electric facility upon arrival of the shipment.

There were several demonstrations in opposition to the shipment in Minneapolis and along the route, but the demonstrators were peaceful and made no attempts to interfere with the shipment.

Region III (Chicago) inspectors checked the shipment before departure and upon arrival. There were no violations of NRC requirements.

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

This information is current as of 10 a.m., November 21, 1984.

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