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

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

Docket No: 50-263

Subject: STATE OF WISCONSIN ORDERS HALT TO SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS

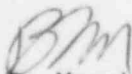
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced on January 2, 1985, that it has issued an order requiring Northern States Power to file a "Spill Prevention Plan" before shipping any more spent fuel through the state. The licensee has been shipping spent fuel from its Monticello plant in Minnesota to the General Electric spent fuel storage facility at Morris, Illinois.

The Department of Natural Resources told Region III (Chicago) that Northern States Power has not submitted an acceptable Spill Plan for spent fuel shipments between Monticello and G.E. Morris, as required by state law. The licensee has 10 days in which to comply with the order.

The licensee has been informed of the state's action by telephone, but has not received a copy of the order. The licensee told Region III that, at this time, it does not plan to change its fuel shipping schedule but will reevaluate its position once it receives the order.

Region III first learned of the state's action via the news media at about 3:30 p.m., January 2, 1985. There has been considerable news media interest.

The States of Minnesota and Wisconsin have both been notified. The State of Illinois will be notified. This information is current as of 8:45 a.m., (CST), January 3, 1985.

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