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

Docket No: 50-263

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

Subject: STATE OF WISCONSIN ORDERS HALT TO SPENT FUEL SHIPMENTS (UPDATE)


On January 23, 1985, Circuit Court Judge P.Charles Jones in Dane County, Wisconsin, denied the State of Wisconsin's motion for a "Temporary Injunction" to prevent shipments of spent fuel by rail from the Monticello Plant (through Wisconsin) to the Spent Fuel Storage Facility in Morris, Illinois.

The decision means the licensee can continue to ship spent fuel while Judge Jones considers the state's motion for a declaratory judgment on whether or not the state has a right to impose certain restrictions on the licensee.

At issue is an Order by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of January 2, 1985, requiring the licensee to file a "Spill Prevention Plan" before shipping spent fuel through Wisconsin. (See PNO-III-85-01 and 01A). The Department said the filing of such a plan is required by state law. The licensee has appealed the Order. A Department of Natural Resources hearing examiner is expected to hold an administrative hearing on the issue in the near future.

This Preliminary Notification is being issued for information purposes only. This information is current as of 3 p.m. (CST), January 28, 1985.

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