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Mr. Glenn T. Seaborg
Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Chairman Seaborg:

While I have not read the most recent report made by Dr. Ernest C. Tsivoglou, consultant to the Minnesota pollution Control Agency, rebutting the objections of the Northern States Power Company to the PCA criteria for the Monticello plant, I was impressed with press comments on it.

I was particularly impressed with Dr. Tsivoglou's observation that simple storage of offgases for limited periods of time and their containment would very greatly facilitate NSP's compliance with the PCA permit limit of 0.01 curies per second. Dr. Tsivoglou stated that the AEC's limit of 0.48 curies per second is "unreasonably high" and "is tantamount, on the part of the NSP, to demanding a 'blank check' for radioactive releases to the environment."

I, of course, have previously expressed my deep concern about the safety of nuclear plants in Minnesota and therefore hope that the PCA's limits will be accepted by the AEC without further controversy and unnecessary litigation. I would especially be interested in seeing the PCA offgas limit accepted.

Your further comments on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


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