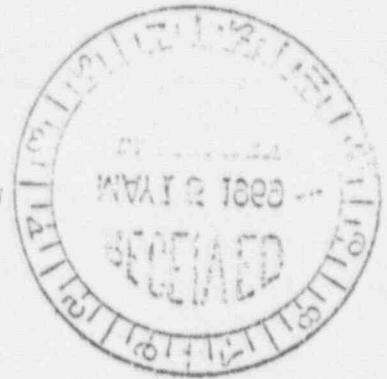


May 12, 1969



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

Dear Mr. Seaborg:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency today issued a permit setting the emission standards with which Northern States Power Company would have to comply to operate a nuclear power plant at Monticello, Minnesota.

These regulations are considerably more restrictive than standards set by the Atomic Energy Commission. Our Agency is extremely sensitive to maintaining Minnesota's reputation for clear air and pure water, which constitute our most valuable natural resource. The position of the State of Minnesota with respect to the Monticello generating plant, in effect, limits radioactive discharge to about 1/50th the level allowed by the AEC. This decision was made only after many months of study, review by professional consultants, and in-depth discussion.

Because the AEC was aware before May 12 that regulations stricter than your own were likely to be imposed, and if, as you claim, the AEC has preempted the nuclear field, I would have anticipated that AEC would have acted affirmatively to assert your exclusive jurisdiction before our Agency acted. Not having done so, I hope that you will now support our Agency's action.

The AEC representatives stated at the May 12 hearing that only a construction permit had been issued NSP by the Atomic Energy Commission and that an operating permit will still need issuance.

I now sincerely urge that the AEC not issue any operating permit for nuclear power generation in the State of Minnesota which does not respect the stringent regulations the State Pollution Control Agency requires.

We are most hopeful that the AEC will concede that regulations more stringent than those demanded by the Federal agency can only result in greater safety to the health and welfare of the people of Minnesota and to the continued excellent condition of our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Harold LeVander  
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cc: Hon. Chet Holifield, Chairman  
Joint Com. on Atomic Energy  
Mr. Harold Price, Director of

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