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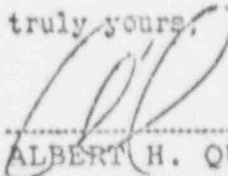
May 23, 1969

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg
Chairman
Atomic Energy Comm.
Washington, D. C. 20545

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,


ALBERT H. QUIE M.C.

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May 12, 1969

Honorable Albert Quie
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Al:

This is to inform you of an action taken today by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with respect to the permit for radiological waste emissions sought by Northern States Power Company for its new Monticello, Minnesota, nuclear generating plant.

The regulations contained in the PCA permit -- which was granted NSP -- are considerably more restrictive than standards maintained by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The State agency's action was taken only after many months of study, consultation and discussion. The Atomic Energy Commission's radioactivity emission standards were reviewed closely. 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.

In making this decision, we are not unmindful of the vast experience of the AEC in this field. We are, however, more cognizant of Minnesota's fabulous natural resources -- clean air and clean water. I believe that the people of Minnesota are solidly behind our efforts to make Minnesota the acknowledged leader in pollution control.

It is for this reason that I have written to Mr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, urging that the AEC refrain from issuing any operating permit for nuclear power generation in the State of Minnesota that does not respect the stringent regulations the State Pollution Control Agency requires.

I am 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.

However, in the meantime, I respectfully request that you use your influence to see that Congress moves quickly to clearly define the authority of state

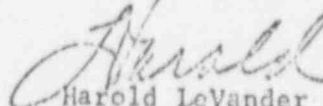
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pollution control agencies to set qualifications more stringent than those required by the AEC.

It would be tragic for the people of Minnesota to be denied our position of leadership simply because of unresolved questions on the relationship between the AEC and state regulatory agencies.

Your immediate assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

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