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David G. Darby, Associate
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 Duluth, Minnesota 55812

Dear Mr. Darby:

Thank you for your letter of August 18, 1971, which requested information on any Atomic Energy Commission regulations which prevent tours of nuclear facilities. There are no AEC regulations which prohibit tours of nuclear facilities; however, the AEC does expect any licensee conducting tours to take necessary steps to limit and control access of tour party members to assure the safety of the tour members as well as to assure continued safe operation of the plant.

I hope the above information answers your questions regarding tours.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Morris, Director
 Division of Reactor Licensing

cc: D. F. McElroy
 Vice President, Engineering
 Northern States Power Company
 414 Nicollet Avenue
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Gerald Charnoff
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August 18, 1971

Office of the Director
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Sir:

Last July, I wrote to Northern States Power Company in Minneapolis requesting permission to tour their nuclear power plant at Monticello, Minnesota (copy attached). I am teaching a course in Environmental Geology and consider that some knowledge of nuclear electrical power generation is essential in understanding the options available to the United States for the future. My students would have benefited greatly from a personal experience of visiting a plant and having the opportunity to ask questions of an informed, experienced person.

Not receiving an answer to my letter and after several phone calls, I was finally informed that such a tour by a dozen persons was not possible. The lady who so informed me stated that their refusal was due to A.E.C. regulations. If this is true, I am dismayed my University students, some of graduate standing, can have no opportunity to study the operation of a nuclear power plant. I would like to be informed of the regulation which prevents such tours, and if there are exceptions. I would greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Very truly yours,
David G. Varby
David G. Varby,
Associate Professor

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July 26, 1971

Mr. S. W. Hoffman
Vice President for Public Relations
Northern States Power Company
100 Westland Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am teaching a graduate level course on Environmental Biology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. In conjunction with our studies of non-renewable energy sources, we have briefly discussed nuclear power as the only viable solution for their need.

To provide more knowledge concerning the generation of nuclear power we would like to visit your plant at Fond du Lac. We are interested in the engineering and scientific techniques employed at the present plant, the potential for future research etc., and the safety and environmental problems. The students are a very mixed lot as far as their backgrounds in nuclear are concerned, some have nearly none. They will have been trained in the basics of radioactive decay, fission and fusion reactions and the relative and chemical element problems.

If I could like to visit your plant as an opportunity for the students to see nuclear power energy, the development of the technology and the problems of a clean energy source and the potentials and dangers for the future. I am sure that you will be glad to have us, as we have the opportunity to discuss nuclear power and its development.

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Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

David G. Duffy
Associate Professor

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