Mr. M. Wadley, Vice President Nuclear Generation Northern States Power Company 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401

SUBJECT: MONTICELLO MANAGEMENT MEETING

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On May 27, 1997, the NRC met with Northern States Power (NSP) Company management at the Region III Office in Lisle, Illinois.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss operations performance issues, including recent operator requalification performance at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Enclosed are copies of the handout provided by NSP at the meeting.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

We appreciate NSP's cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by Ronald N. Gardner for

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No. 50-263

Enclosure: Handout from May 27, 1997, meeting

cc w/encl:

Plant Manager, Monticello

John W. Ferman, Ph.D.,

Nuclear Engineer, MPCA State Liaison Officer, State

of Minnesota

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MONTICELLO - NRC REGION III MANAGEMENT MEETING

MAY 27, 1997

TOPIC: HUMAN PERFORMANCE

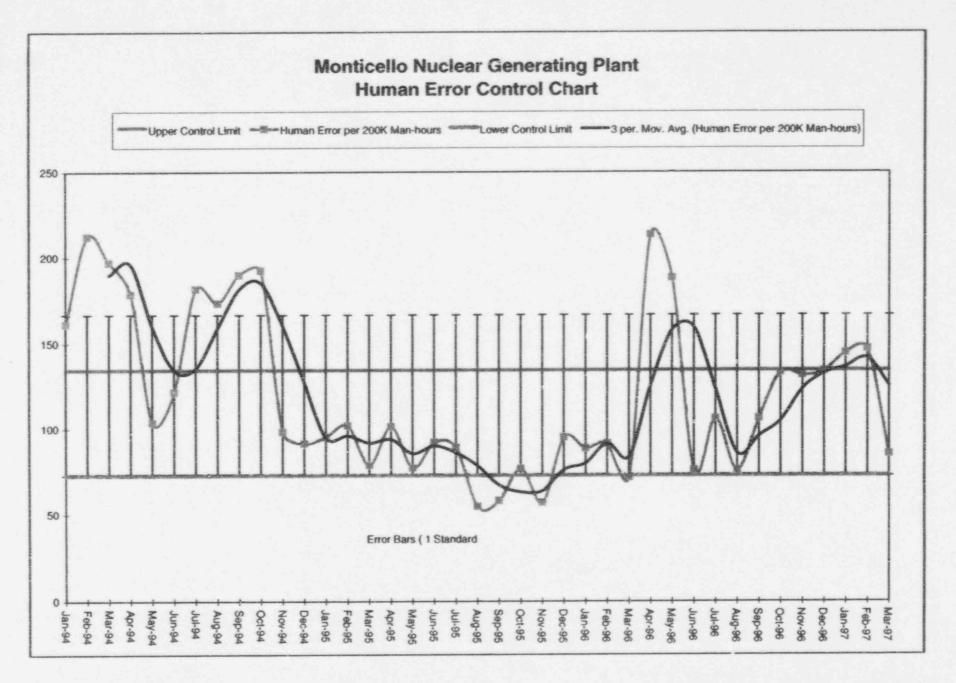
NSP ATTENDEES:

Mike Wadley, Vice President Nuclear Generation

Bill Hill, Plant Manager

Brad Sawatzke, Supt. Operations Training

Mike Lechner, Shift Manager



MONTICELLO'S 1994 EXPERIENCE

CONCLUSION: WORK STRESS LEAD TO DECLINING HUMAN PERFORMANCE

- * DEREGULATION/COST REDUCTION INITIATIVES
- * LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
- * COMPENSATION CHANGES

1994 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- * MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS INCREASED
- * CONDITION REPORT PROCESS REVISED TO INCLUDE LINE INVOLVEMENT
- * SUPERVISORY TRAINING GIVEN ON EMPLOYEE COACHING AND PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK
- * SELF-CHECKING PROGRAM ENHANCED

CURRENT WORK ENVIRONMENT

WORK STRESS IS HIGH

- * DEREGULATION/COST REDUCTION INITIATIVES
- * LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
- * COMPENSATION ISSUES
- * MERGER CONCERNS
- * REGULATORY PRESSURE

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- * CONTINUE HIRING TO FILL STAFF NEEDS
- * PERFORM COMPENSATION REVIEW

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- * ENTER MID-TERM NEGOTIATIONS TO ADDRESS UNION CONCERNS
- * EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL HELP TO SEEK OUT OTHER EMPLOYEE ISSUES
- * IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISORY TRAINING
 PROGRAM
- * DEVELOP "MOOD METER"