

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-263NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 36 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility), located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

The amendment revised the Technical Specifications to incorporate requirements for establishing and maintaining the suppression chamber water level, to maintain the margins of safety established in the NRC staff's "Mark I Containment Short Term Program Safety Evaluation," NUREG-0408. Operation in accordance with the conditions specified in NUREG-0408 has been previously authorized in 43 FR 13111, March 29, 1978.

There is no requirement to establish and maintain the drywell to suppression chamber differential pressure for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant based on documentation submitted by NSP 1, specific plant structure modifications, and subsequent staff review.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations

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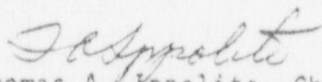
in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) application for amendment dated November 5, 1976, as supplemented April 15 and August 29, 1977, (2) Amendment No. 36 to License No. DPR-22 and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis, Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. A single copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 30 day of October 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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