

January 20, 1999

Mr. M. Wadley
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO INSPECTION REPORT 50-263/98018(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

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During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, the conduct of activities at the Monticello facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations and sound maintenance practices. A planned power reduction was conducted in a controlled and deliberate manner. No significant issues were identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce L. Burgess

Bruce L. Burgess, Chief
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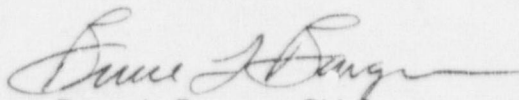
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