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Mr. M. Wadley
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SUBJECT: NRC MONTICELLO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE INSPECTION
REPORT 50-263/99011(DRS)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

On June 24, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection of an emergency preparedness exercise at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Station. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the performance of your emergency response organization during the exercise. No violations were identified during the inspection. The enclosed report presents the results of the inspection.

Areas examined during the emergency preparedness exercise are identified in the report. Within those areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observation of performance, and interviews with staff. The objective of the inspection was to determine whether the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station Emergency Plan was adequate and if station personnel properly implemented the Emergency Plan in accordance with NRC requirements during the exercise.

Overall exercise performance during the 1999 exercise was very good. Staff performance in the various facilities ranged from very good to effective. Security events were incorporated into an evaluated exercise scenario for the first time, making the exercise challenging for personnel in all of the response facilities. Your staffs' critique findings were insightful and consistent with the NRC evaluation team's findings.

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Sincerely,

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