

August 4, 1999

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - EVALUATION OF RELIEF
REQUEST NUMBER 10 FOR THE THIRD 10-YEAR INTERVAL INSERVICE
INSPECTION PROGRAM PLAN (TAC NO. MA3397)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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The detailed results of the staff review are provided in the enclosed safety evaluation. If you have any questions concerning this action please call Mr. C.F. Lyon of my staff at (301) 415-2296.

Sincerely,

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