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Dear NRC RE: Monticello Reactor Jessica Umana,

Dear NRC,

Please extend the public comment period on your Draft SEIS, and please deny the application by Northern States Power Minnesota for a second license renewal for its Monticello reactor.

The reactor continues to contaminate the drinking water with ongoing radiation releases (like the 829,000-gallon leak of radioactive tritium-contaminated wastewater, some of which, according to the Draft SEIS, discharged to the Mississippi River: NRC Draft EIS, Agency/Docket Numbers: Docket No. 50-263; NRC-2023-0031; Docket ID NRC-2023-0031; Document Number: 2024-08746; <https://shorturl.at/ltLx5>, on page 3-47, line 11.)

The Mississippi is the source of drinking water for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area (Draft SEIS, at page 3-28, line 4), and for 20 million people downstream.

NSPM/Xcel has repeatedly said there is “no health risk” to the public or reactor workers because the affected groundwater contains “very low levels” of tritium. But, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s website warns: “[T]he radiation protection community conservatively assumes that any amount of radiation may pose some risk for causing cancer and hereditary effect, and that the risk is higher for higher radiation exposures. A linear no-threshold dose-response relationship is used to describe the relationship between radiation dose and the occurrence of cancer. ... any increase in dose, no matter how small, results in an incremental increase in risk.” (U.S. NRC, “Radiation Exposure and Cancer,” <https://shorturl.at/ooBKx>)

The NRC has concluded that Monticello’s leaked tritium discharged to this drinking water source. For these reasons, deny the application.

Sincerely,  
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