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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 NRC has concluded that Monticello's leaked tritium discharged to this drinking water source. River water dilution does not eliminate the tritium, which persists in the water for about 123 years (10 radioactive half-lives). Even trace amounts of tritium ingested in drinking water increases a person's risk of cancer, pregnancy problems, birth abnormalities, and other illnesses. This is especially true for women, girls, and fetuses, because tritium crosses the placenta. For these reasons, deny the application.

Sincerely,  
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