

November 24, 1999

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
RE: REACTOR VESSEL HYDROSTATIC AND LEAKAGE TESTING (TAC NO.
MA4867)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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The amendment changes the TSs to (1) allow reactor vessel hydrostatic and leakage tests when reactor coolant temperature is above 212°F without maintaining primary containment integrity and (2) establish a limit and a surveillance requirement on reactor coolant activity when reactor coolant temperature is above 212°F, the reactor is not critical, and primary containment has not been established.

A copy of our related safety evaluation is also enclosed. The Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Carl F. Lyon, Project Manager, Section 1
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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-263

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 107 to DPR-22
2. Safety Evaluation

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