

Staff Revised 4. Adopt DOC's proposal to replace the ALJ's findings 192-212 with Xcel's proposed findings 162-163, as shown in DOC's July 14, 2023 filing and as modified below.

162. The Company explained that it discovered a leak of tritiated water in November 2022 and promptly reported the leak to the Minnesota State Duty Officer and the NRC. The Company stated that the leak has not impacted groundwater outside the boundaries of the Plant, the Mississippi River, or any drinking water wells. The Company stated [at the time of the ALJ report that](#) it has located the leak and repaired it. The Company also states that it continues to pump contaminated groundwater and will continue to take action to appropriately manage the cleanup of the tritiated water plume.

163. The Commission finds that the Company's two replacement cases are reasonable test cases by which to compare the environmental impacts of extending the life of the Monticello Plant. The Commission also finds that environmental considerations weigh in favor of extending the Monticello Plant and granting the CON, as compared to the Company's two replacement cases. The Commission further finds that the circumstances around the leak of tritiated water at the Plant and the Company's response to that leak does not change the Commission's finding on this point.