



March 17, 2023

We understand the notifications from Xcel Energy and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will be particularly concerning to our community.

The public water system operated by the City of Monticello has been unaffected by the leak at Xcel. The leak occurred outside of Monticello's Wellhead Protection Area, the specific area surrounding our public water supply that contributes groundwater to municipal wells.

The City of Monticello learned about the extent of the water leak at the Monticello Plant at the end of February 2023. Since then, we have been working with Xcel and state and federal regulating agencies to understand the scope of the event, remediation, and any community impact. We have been and will continue to gather information to responsibly inform our community and have been requesting information be shared.

Though the Xcel plant is within our community, the City of Monticello does not have the authority to govern the nuclear plant. As we've noted, the federal and state regulating agencies determine the appropriate governmental responses to incidents at the Xcel nuclear plant, including any emergency response, remedial actions and public or media releases. If state or federal oversight agencies determine that there is any potential or actual impact to the City's drinking water supply or infrastructure, the City will immediately notify the public with assistance from these agencies. For now, we will continue to advocate for our community and participate as appropriate at the city-level.

- Residents with general questions can contact Steve Mikkelson at MPCA (stephen.mikkelson@state.mn.us or 218-316-3887).
- Residents that have concerns about private wells can contact Jennifer Weier at MN Department of Health (Jennifer.weier@state.mn.us or 651-201-3658).

We encourage members of the public to use the resources and contact information provided by Xcel Energy (residents can click on the "contact" button on Xcel's website) for questions about the leak and the plant. City leaders will continue to participate in the process on behalf of the community and share information as it becomes available.

- Resources for residents from Xcel Energy: <https://mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/outage-safety/public-safety/monticello-groundwater>
- Information and resources for residents from the MN Dept. of Health (MDH): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/tritiumleak.html>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Hilgart".

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart