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Statement from the City of Monticello – Xcel Energy Shares New Information About the Tritium Leak at the Monticello Plant

Monticello, MN – As a community along the Mississippi River, we understand the update from Xcel Energy will be particularly concerning for our residents and those who live and recreate along the river.

Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) have been monitoring the situation and sharing updates over the past several months with our community. According to Xcel Energy and state health officials, our community and others in the region can continue to safely participate in water-based activities on the river like fishing and swimming.

As a reminder, Monticello’s public water system operated by the City of Monticello has been unaffected by the leak at Xcel, we do not get our drinking water from the river. The leak occurred outside of Monticello’s Wellhead Protection Area, the specific area surrounding our public water supply that contributes groundwater to municipal wells.

We encourage members of the public to use the resources and contact information provided by Xcel Energy.

Here are the contacts available if our community has any additional questions or concerns:

- **Xcel Energy: 612-215-5300**
- **NRC Region 3: 630-829-9500**
- **MPCA: 651-296-6300 / Info.pca@state.mn.us**
- **MDH: MNGP2023@state.mn.us**

Additional resources and FAQs can be found on the City’s website:

<https://www.ci.monticello.mn.us/608/Xcel-Water-Leak-at-Monticello-Plant>

Or on Xcel Energy’s Resource Page: <https://mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/outage-safety/public-safety/monticello-groundwater>

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