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Dear Mr. Keppler:

Per the request of Mr. H. Kister of your office, this letter is notification of a Reportable Occurrence at the Duane Arnold Energy Center on March 14, 1977.

During Type C Leak Rate Testing of the Main Steam Isolation Valves, MSIV 4413 was found to have a leak rate of 36.70 SCFH. The Technical Specification limit is 11.5 SCFH. It should be noted that after tightening of the valve stem packing, the leakage was reduced to 5.24 SCFH indicating that the majority of the leakage was through the packing and not across the valve seat. It is our opinion that the Technical Specification limit of 11.5 SCFH is intended as a seat leakage criteria and that the 5.24 SCFH leak rate after the valve stem packing was tightened indicates that the as found valve leak rate was within Technical Specification limits. We plan to initiate a Technical Specification change to clarify the flow path for the 11.5 SCFH Technical Specification criteria.

Mr. Charlie Brown of your office was advised of this occurrence during his site inspection of March 14 and 15, 1977.

Very truly yours,

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