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Ltr reporting abnormal occurrence on 4-5-74,
regarding cracked studs on Recirculation
Pumps.....

PLANT NAME: Monticello Unit

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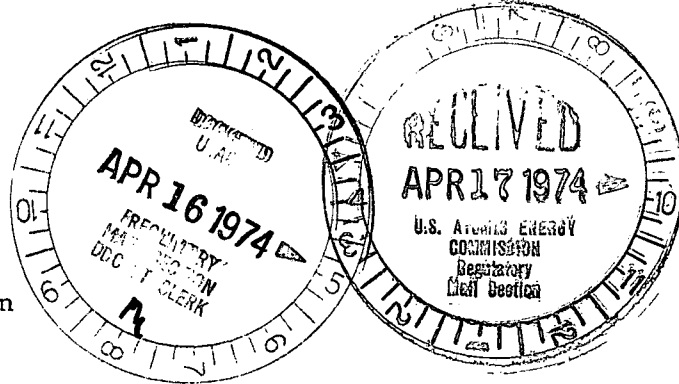
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April 15, 1974

Mr. J F O'Leary
Directorate of Licensing
Office of Regulation
U S Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, DC 20545



Dear Mr. O'Leary:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Cracked Studs on Recirculation Pumps

A condition occurred at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant which we are reporting to your office in accordance with Section 6.7.B.1, Abnormal Occurrence Reports, of Appendix A, Technical Specifications, of Provisional Operating License DPR-22.

On April 5, 1974, it was discovered that one of the ten stuffing box holddown cover studs on No. 12 recirculation pump had failed (see attached figure). Subsequent ultrasonic examination revealed significant internal defects in all of the remaining studs on No. 12 recirculation pump and in nine of the ten studs on No. 11 recirculation pump.

Complete failure of all the studs on a recirculation pump could result in primary coolant leakage past the pump shaft seal into the drywell. It is noted that the pump is capable of being shutdown and isolated in the event of significant leakage. This is the first time that failure of any recirculation pump stuffing box holddown cover studs has been detected.

Investigation into the cause of the stud failures and possible corrective actions is continuing. Following completion of this investigation, a report on the final resolution of the problem will be submitted.

Very truly yours,

L O Mayer, PE
Director of Nuclear Support Services

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cc: J G Keppler
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Attn. E A Pryzina

Attachment

