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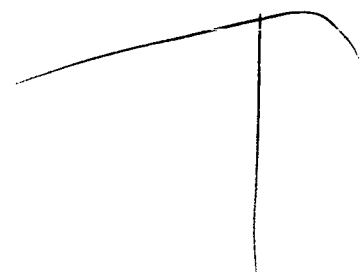
SUBJECT: RO: on 800307, local leak rate testing of primary containment drywell equipment drain sump isolation valves AD 2561 A & B, indicated leakage exceeded Tech Spec limit. Cause under investigation.

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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Monticello, Minnesota 55362

March 10, 1980

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Director
Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

On March 7, 1980 local leak rate testing of the Primary Containment Drywell Equipment Drain Sump Isolation Valves AO 2561 A & B, indicated that the leakage exceeded the acceptance criteria for individual isolation valves as defined by Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f.

The cause of the high leakage rate is being investigated.

Yours very truly,

L. R. Eliason
Plant Manager

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