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SUBJECT: RO: on 800223, during local leak rate testing, reactor core isolation cooling sys exhaust check valves 9 & 10 indicated excessive combined leakage. Repairs made to both isolation valves.

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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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March 6, 1980

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

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

On February 23, 1980 local leak rate testing of the RCIC System exhaust line check valves RCIC-9 and RCIC-10 indicated that the combined leakage exceeded the acceptance criteria for individual isolation valves as defined by Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f. RCIC-9 is a containment isolation valve. RCIC-10 is not a containment isolation valve. Indications were that a majority of the leakage was past RCIC-10. However, repairs were made to both isolation valves before a more accurate determination of the leakage past RCIC-9 could be obtained. We are therefore reporting this potential failure of RCIC-9 to pass the containment isolation valve leakage test.

Yours very truly,

L. R. Eliason
Plant Manager

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