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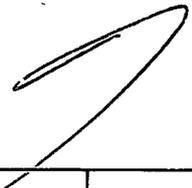
Gentlemen:

RE: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

The recent discovery of cracks in the feedwater nozzle blend radii at Quad Cities 1 and Pilgrim 1 Nuclear Power Stations, coupled with the previous discoveries at other stations, including Monticello, has amplified the need to determine the exact cause of the problem and thus undertake the proper short-term and long-term corrective actions. Your assistance is needed in the collection of pertinent data.

You are therefore requested, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, to respond to the following questions:

1. Provide date of next planned inspection
2. Provide the number of startup/shutdown cycles to the date of the inspection already accomplished, and the number of cycles since such inspection. Provide the estimated number of cycles at the next planned inspection date. A startup/shutdown cycle is defined as a power increase from zero and subsequent return to zero.
3. Describe actions taken or planned to minimize cold, intermittent feedwater flow to the reactor pressure vessel. Include changes in operating procedures and any redesign of feedwater heaters, pumps, flow control valves, piping, etc.
4. Describe reactor pressure vessel pressure-temperature limits for operating conditions and especially for the inservice hydrostatic and leak tests.



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Please provide one signed original and 39 copies of your response.

This request for generic information was approved by GAO under a blanket clearance number B-180225 (R0072); this clearance expires July 31, 1977.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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