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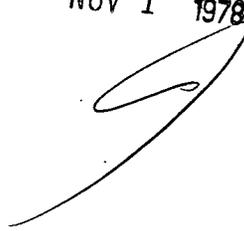
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Dear Mr. Keppler,

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

On October 20, 1978, local leak rate testing of the High Pressure Coolant Injection System exhaust isolation valve, HPCI-9, indicated that the leakage exceeded the acceptance criteria for individual isolation valves as defined by Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f.

On October 21, 1978, local leak rate testing of the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System exhaust isolation valve, RCIC-9, indicated that the leakage exceeded the acceptance criteria for individual isolation valves as defined by Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f.

On October 22, 1978, local leak rate testing of the Reactor Water Cleanup System isolation valves, MO 2397 and MO 2398, indicated that the leakage through that valve pair exceeded the acceptance criteria for individual isolation valves as defined by Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f. These valves are tested as a unit. Therefore, individual valve leakages are not measured.

The cause of the high leakage rates is being investigated.

With the determination of the leakage rate for the reactor water cleanup system isolation valves, the total "as found" leakage for all testable penetrations and isolation valves, except the main steam isolation valves, exceeded the acceptance criteria defined in Technical Specification 4.7.A.2.f.

Yours very truly,

  
L. R. Eliason  
Plant Manager

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