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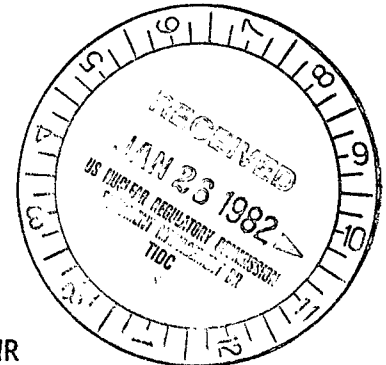
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Dear Mr. Mayer:

Subject: Implementation of Unresolved Safety Issue A-10, BWR  
Nozzle Cracking - Monticello

By letter dated November 3, 1981 you provided the information requested in our letter dated August 27, 1981 regarding the above subject at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Specifically, you provided commitments, as requested, to the four items regarding present and future feedwater nozzle inspection and status reporting.

With regard to the control rod drive (CRD) hydraulic system, you provided, as requested, detailed information describing the isolation of the CRD stabilizing assembly, the test procedure used to assure continued safe operation of the system, and the General Electric Company review and acceptance of the modification. We have reviewed this documentation and agree that the (CRD) hydraulic system can be safely operated with the stabilizing assembly isolated. We do request that, although the 15 gpm flow discrepancy is not of operational concern, you continue to investigate its source and provide related information in subsequent reports. This information could prove to be of value to others contemplating the same modification in the future.

With the exception of the additional information committed to in your November 3, 1981 letter, no further correspondence is necessary until submittal of the post-modification reports requested in NUREG-0619.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your project manager.

Sincerely,

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