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

In response to your letter dated July 18, 1985, which transmitted Inspection Report No. 50-263/85-12(DPR), the following information is provided:

VIOLATION

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XII, as implemented by the Licensee's Operational Quality Assurance Plan (OQAP), Revision 9, Section 14.0, requires that measures be established to assure that tools, gauges, instruments, and other measuring and testing devices used in activities affecting quality are properly controlled, calibrated, and adjusted at specified periods to maintain accuracy within necessary limits.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N18.7-1976, committed to by the licensee in OQAP Section 1.3, requires that test equipment used to verify compliance with specifications be adjusted and calibrated at predetermined intervals.

Contrary to the above, the licensee has failed to include timing devices that are used to take data to satisfy safety-related technical specification surveillance requirements (such as isolation-valve stroke times) in the measuring and test equipment calibration program.

RESPONSE

Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved

We have re-evaluated our position on calibration of stopwatches and concur that it is appropriate that the accuracy of such timing devices be periodically verified. The stopwatches used in the control room have been checked and found to be accurate.

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Corrective Action to Avoid Further Noncompliance

We will develop, implement and maintain a program for the control and calibration of timing devices used to determine conformance to Technical Specification requirements.

Date of Full Compliance

The calibration program will be fully implemented by January 1, 1986.



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