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October 30, 1978

In reply, please
refer to LAC-5524

DOCKET NO. 50-409

Mr. James G. Keppler
Regional Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
Region III
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SUBJECT: DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE
LA CROSSE BOILING WATER REACTOR (LACBWR)
PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-45
REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE NO. 78-11

Reference: (1) LACBWR Technical Specifications,
Section 3.9.2.a.(3).
(2) LACBWR Technical Specifications,
Section 5.2.1.1.(b).

Dear Mr. Keppler:

In accordance with Reference 1, this is to inform you of abnormal degradation discovered in the primary reactor containment during periodic Type A surveillance leakage rate testing.

As a result of conducting a periodic Type A leak test on the LACBWR primary reactor containment, the measured leakage rate (L_{am}^*) was determined to exceed the maximum allowable test leakage rate of 0.1 percent per 24 hours at the test pressure of 52 psig as defined in Reference 2.

The measured leakage rate was determined to be 0.10023% per 24 hours including a calculated instrument error of 0.00675% per 24 hours. The leakage rate data used to formulate the finding was collected during the hours of 1000 and 2400 on October 29, 1978. During this period of time, the ventilation discharge dampers were isolated due to excessive leakage.

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*Excluding ventilation discharge damper leakage.

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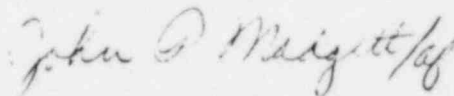
Prompt notification of the test results to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was made to Mr. Luis Reyes at 2400 hours, October 29, 1978.

Repair work, as required, will be accomplished following depressurization of the primary reactor containment. Upon completion of preparations within a few days, the Type A test will be repeated.

If there are any questions concerning this notification, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE



John P. Madgett, General Manager

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