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Mr Boyce H Grier, Regional Director  
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Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region III  
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Dear Mr Grier:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
AEC DOCKET NO 30-263  
VALVE WALL THICKNESS VERIFICATION

This letter is in reply to your January 22, 1973 inquiry regarding certain details in our program for valve wall thickness verification submitted to you in our November 3, 1972 letter.

Specifically, you question whether paragraph three of our August 9, 1972 letter inferred an intention to use a statistical sampling plan for the selection of valves for which verification measurements would be made. In reviewing this correspondence we presume your question was actually in reference to paragraph three of our November 3, 1972 letter.

Our general intention for the scope of the valve wall thickness verification program is to examine all of the 72 subject valves, but not all these valves are to be examined during the 1973 major outage. During the portion of the program to be conducted in this outage we intend to examine the 32 valves listed in our November 8, 1972 letter, and additional valves as might afford a reasonable representation of valve type and manufacturer within the remainder of the 72 valves of interest. The total scope of the program is intended to be completed concurrent with additional In Service Inspection Program work in future major outages.

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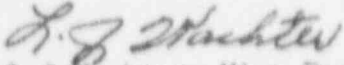
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We hope this clarification satisfies the questions you raised in your January 22, 1973 letter. An evaluation of the results of the examinations to be made during the 1973 major outage may of course have an influence on the scope of the program as presently intended; however, we will advise you of any significant change to these plans.

Yours very truly,



L J Wachter, Vice President  
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