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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Monticello, MN 55362

October 8, 1976

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Director  
Region III  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

During power operation near 100% on October 7, 1976, No. 3 TIP ball valve failed to automatically close properly during routine operation of the TIP System. The valve was cycled manually and it closed successfully. No. 3 TIP is presently held out of service with the ball valve closed pending further investigation.

Yours very truly,

  
L. R. Eliason  
Plant Manager

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cc: Director, Office of Management Information &  
Program Control  
G. Charnoff  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Attn: J W Ferman  
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