

April 23, 2002

Mr. Gary Van Middlesworth
Site Vice-President
Duane Arnold Energy Center
Nuclear Management Company, LLC
3277 DAEC Road
Palo, IA 52324

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Middlesworth:

In a telephone conversation on April 10, 2002, Mr. John MacIntyre, Licensed Operator Requalification Lead and Mr. Hironori Peterson, Senior Operations Engineer, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Duane Arnold Energy Center. The inspection is planned for the weeks of September 9, 2002, and October 28, 2002, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by October 21, 2002. Mr. MacIntyre has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9733.

Sincerely,

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David E. Hills, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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