

April 20, 2004

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

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 5, 2003, MEETING WITH DUANE ARNOLD  
ENERGY CENTER TO DISCUSS DUANE ARNOLD PERFORMANCE

Dear Mr. Peifer:

On April 5, 2004, a public meeting was held at the Palo Community Center, Palo, Iowa, between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Duane Arnold Energy Center staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC's assessment of Duane Arnold's performance for the period of January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

During the NRC presentation, an overall assessment of the Duane Arnold Energy Center's performance was provided. As explained in the Annual Assessment letter from NRC to you dated March 4, 2004, (ADAMS accession number ML040641181), Duane Arnold operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety, and fully met all cornerstone objectives. Following our presentation, you stated that the ROP provided a meaningful performance assessment in risk-significant areas and a critical review of processes that Nuclear Management Company could use for continuous improvement.

Before adjourning the meeting, the NRC provided the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. A representative of the State of Iowa provided comments on the ROP regarding the significance of the green inspection findings and performance indicators.

The meeting attendance list is enclosed. The slides presented by the NRC are available in ADAMS (accession number ML041050442). Please contact me at (630) 829-9629, if there are any questions you have about this meeting.

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Sincerely,

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Branch 2  
Division of Reactor Projects

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C. Anderson, Senior Vice President, Group Operations  
J. Cowan, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer  
J. Bjorseth, Plant Manager  
S. Catron, Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
J. Rogoff, Vice President, Counsel, & Secretary  
B. Lacy, Nuclear Asset Manager  
Chairman, Linn County Board of Supervisors  
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## List of Attendees

### NRC

Bruce Burgess - Chief, DRP, Branch 2  
Steve Caudill- Resident Inspector  
Tina Ehrig - Administrative Assistant  
George Wilson - Senior Resident Inspector

### NMC

John Bjorseth - Plant Manager  
Steve Catron - Regulatory Affairs Manager  
Dean Curtland - Engineering Director  
John Lowman - Public Affairs  
Mark Peifer - Site Vice-President  
Paul Sullivan - Emergency Preparedness Manager  
Ed Weincamp - NMC Corporate Regulatory Affairs Manager

### Alliant

Bruce Lacy - Alliant Nuclear Asset Manager

### Public

Parveen Baig - Iowa Utilities Board  
Don Flater - State of Iowa / Chief Radiological Health (DOH)  
Jim Hausser - Linn County Supervisor  
Russ Swain - Palo Police Chief  
Ned Wright - Linn County Emergency Management Director