

September 14, 2004

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

SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Peifer:

In a telephone conversation on September 7, 2004, Mr. Curt Kress, Training Manager, and Mr. Hironori Peterson, of my staff, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Duane Arnold Energy Center. The inspection is planned for the week of November 29, 2004, 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 biennial 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 November 22, 2004. Mr. Kress 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. H. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9631.

Sincerely,

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