February 14, 2007

Mr. Gary Van Middlesworth
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SUBJECT: UPCOMING DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Van Middlesworth:

On April 2, 2007, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin the biennial problem identification and resolution (PI&R) inspection at your Duane Arnold Energy Center. This inspection will be performed in accordance with the NRC baseline inspection procedure 71152.

Experience has shown that these inspections are extremely resource intensive both for the NRC inspectors and the utility staff. In order to minimize the impact that the inspection has on the site and to ensure a productive inspection, we have enclosed a request for documents needed for the inspection.

The documents requested are copies of condition reports and lists of information, necessary in order to ensure the inspection team is adequately prepared for the inspection. The documents should be ready for NRC review by March 23, 2007. Mr. Mike Kunowski, the lead inspector, will contact your staff to determine the best method of providing the information to the inspectors.

If there are any questions about the material requested, or the inspection in general, please call Mr. Kunowski at (630) 829-9618.

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Sincerely,

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Requested Information to Support
Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) Inspection

1. A copy of administrative procedures for the corrective action process, trending program, quality assurance audit program, self-assessment program, corrective action effectiveness review program, employee concerns program, and industry operating experience review program.

2 A copy of CAPs generated as a result of identified trends (either by station or department) since June 2005.

3. A copy of audits and self-assessments of the corrective action and radiation protection programs completed since June 2005.

4. A list of all apparent and root cause evaluations performed since June 2005.

5. A list of highest significance CAPs initiated since June 2005.

6. A copy of the corrective action program performance indicators since June 2005.

7. A list of CAPs generated for operating experience documents received since June 2005.

8. Have available for review and use a copy of the latest organization chart and phone listing.

9. Corrective action program documents, such as the listed CAPs, any cause evaluations, and corrective actions, associated with the following Non-Cited Violations:

   05000331/2006007-02, RCIC Pump Suction Valves Automatic Control Logic, (CAP 041114)

   05000331/2005013-02, Failure to Consider Ampacity Effects of High Temperature Conditions in the Condenser and Heater Bay Room, (CAP038933)

   05000331/2006002-01, Failure to Ensure Proper Design Control Was Maintained with the Standby Diesel Generators, (CAP040648)

   05000331/2006007-08, Failure to Establish a Testing Program for Molded Case Circuit Breakers, (CAP041363)

   05000331/2006007-06, Nonsafety-Related Charger Used to Charge a Cell of a 125-Volt DC Safety-Related Battery Without Electrical Isolation, (CAP041099)

   05000331/2006007-05, UFSAR Table 8.2-1 Had No Documented Basis, (CAP041395)

05000331/2006007-04, Electrical Components Downgraded from Safety-Related to Nonsafety-Related Without Appropriate Isolation Devices, (CAP041107 and CAP041731)

05000331/2006007-03, Inadequate Torquing of 250–Volt DC and 48-Volt DC Batteries Electrical Connections, (CAP041156, CAP041422, and CAP041734)

10. A list of CAPs initiated since June 2005 for the safety-related service water and RHR-service water systems.