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 KEPPLER, J.G. REGION 3, CHICAGO, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF RO DURING PLANT STARTUP, L.3 PSID DRYWELL TO  
 SUPPRESSION CHAMBER DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE WAS NOT REACHED  
 WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PLACING MODE SWITCH IN RUN.

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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement-Region III  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Subject: Prompt Notification of a  
Reportable Occurrence

File: A-118a

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter, telecopied to your office, is intended to satisfy the requirement for prompt notification of a Reportable Occurrence in accordance with Specification 6.11.2.a of the Duane Arnold Energy Center Technical Specifications.

Technical Specification paragraph(s) violated: 3.7.A.7a

Description Occurrence: During plant startup the 1.3 psid drywell to suppression chamber differential pressure was not established within 24 hours of placing the mode switch in run. Further, the differential pressure could not be established within the succeeding 6 hour period so an orderly plant shutdown was begun. The required differential pressure was established shortly thereafter and the plant shutdown was terminated.

Very truly yours,

*Ellery L. Hammond*

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