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

SUBJECT: PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF RO IN WHICH 1.3 POUNDS PER SQUARE
 INCH DIFFERENTIAL DRYWELL TO SUPPRESSION CHAMBER
 DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE WAS NOT ESTABLISHED WITHIN REQUIRED
 24-H PERIOD. PRESSURE ESTABLISHED AFTER SIX MORE HOURS.

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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
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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

Ellery L. Hammond
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