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Docket No. 50-331

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company ATTN: Duane Arnold President IE Towers P.O. Lox 351 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated December 21, 1977, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance which we brought to your attention in Inspection Report No. 50-331/77-21 forwarded by our letter dated December 8, 1977. We will examine these matters during a subsequent inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

W. L. Fisher, Acting Chief Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch

cc: E. L. Hammond, Chief
Engineer
J. A. Wallace, Vice
President-Generation

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JAMES A. WALLACE VICE PRESIDENT - GENERATION December 21, 1977

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

Re:

Duane Arnold Energy Center

Subject:

Response to letter from W. L. Fisher

to Duane Arnold dated December 8, 1977

File:

A-102 Inspection Report 77-21

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is in response to W. L. Fisher's letter concerning an inspection of activities at the Duane Arnold Energy Center conducted on November 14-18, 1977. The following response indicates the action which has been or will be taken to correct the items of noncompliance identified in Mr. Fisher's letter.

Infraction

Contrary to Technical Specification 6.8.1.2, refueling procedure No. 16, and Plant Radiation Protection Manual, Section 6.9, certain licensee employees failed to comply with radiation work permit requirements.

Response

1. Corrective action taken and the results achieved:

Immediately following the April 4, 1977 incident, a management meeting was held to discuss the situation and resolve any problem areas. Due to a misunderstanding in this meeting, a similar incident occurred on April 7, 1977. Another management meeting was held following the April 7, 1977 incident at which time the Chief Engineer clearly stated the responsibilities of all individuals towards Radiation Protection policies. Since this second meeting, no incidents have reoccurred.

2. Corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance.

The action taken in 1) above has been sufficient to avoid any further noncompliance. It should be noted that of 13 NRC Inspections at DAEC for the Radiation Protection department, only four (4) minor deficiencies

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and four (4) minor infractions were found for the entire year of 1977. This small amount of noncompliance indicates that the Infraction for this letter is an isolated situation.

3. The date when full compliance will be achieved.

Based on the above information, no date is applicable.

J. A. Wallace

Vice President-Generation

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cc: Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555