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Docket No. 50-331/79-4

Iowa Electric Light and Power
Company

ATTN: Mr. Duane Arnold
President

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. B. Grant and T. H. Essig of this office on January 31 and February 1-2, 1979, of activities at Duane Arnold Energy Center authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-49 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. B. York and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

During this inspection, it was noted that problems were identified by your staff with respect to radio and telephone communications during the 1978 annual emergency drill (held in May 1978), as well as the third quarter (1978) drill. Since this problem has been brought up in critiques following both of these drills, we are concerned about your schedule for implementing corrective action.

Please advise us in writing within 20 days of the receipt of this letter of actions you have taken or plan to take (including your best estimate of the schedule for such actions) to strengthen emergency radio and telephone communications.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

A. B. Davis, Chief
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Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: IE Inspection
Report No. 50-331/79-04

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