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REGION III

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Docket No. 50-331/19-5

Iowa Electric Light and Power

Company

ATTN: Mr. Duane Arnold

President

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. I. N. Jackiw and R. D. Walker of this office on January 27-31, February 5-6, 11-13 and 27, 1979, of activities at the Duane Arnold Energy Center authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-49 and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. E. Hammond and D. Mineck at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Jackiw and Mr. Hammond on March 16, 1979.

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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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application.

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

Sinceraly,

R. F. Heishman, Chief Reector Operations and Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-331/79-05

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