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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

Re: Duane Arnold Energy Center

Subject: Additional Response to Inspection Report 79-05

Reference: Letter dated April 17, 1979
S. Tuthill to J. Keppler

File: A-102

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Per discussions between Mr. N. Jackiw of your office and our Mr. D. Mineck, this letter describes interim corrective action implemented in response to the infraction identified in the subject Inspection Report.

The infraction involved a failure to follow written procedures which required removal of a lead shield plug installed in the N2B nozzle during safe-end repairs. Investigation determined that contract personnel supervising replacement of the safe-ends had not ensured the lead shield plug was removed as required by written procedure. A contributing cause was the lack of quality verification of plug removal prior to closure, also required by written procedure.

Contract personnel responsible for supervising the safe-end repairs are no longer at this facility and reinstruction is not appropriate. However, contract personnel utilized for any future maintenance activities will be thoroughly instructed as to the importance of following all written procedural requirements and will be more closely monitored for adherence. DAEC Quality Department personnel, both regular and contract, have been reinstructed as to the inspection checklist requirements associated with the safe-end repair effort. This reinstruction in conjunction with the Quality Department training program is intended to preclude such occurrences in the future.

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