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Docket No. 50-331

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company ATTN: Mr. Lee Liu

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. B. Grant of this office on November 26-30, 1990, of activities at the Duane Arnold Energy Center authorized by NRC Operating Licensee No. DPR-49, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. K. Young and others 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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed inspection report. However, because the NRC wants to encourage and support licensee's initiatives for self identification and correction of problems, the NRC will not generally issue a Notice of Violation for a violation that meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Section V.G.1. This is the case with the violation discussed in Section 10 of the enclosed inspection report. No reply to the violation is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

L. Robert Greger, Chief Reactor Programs Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-331/90022(DRSS)

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