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SUBJECT: Provides addl: info: re implementation of guidelines of NUREG-0612, "Control of Heavy Loads," per NRC request for design margins of reactor vessel head strongback. Mode to strengthen reactor vessel head strongback completed.

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Mr. Harold Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center

Docket No: 50-331 Op. License No: DPR-49 Control of Heavy Loads

Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter provides additional information regarding Iowa Electric Light and Power Company's implementation of the guidelines of NUREG-0612, Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Power Plants. As discussed with your staff, clarification was requested for the design margins of the reactor vessel head strongback.

The modification to strengthen the reactor vessel head strongback has been completed using a safety factor of 10 to 1. The strongback will be proof-tested at 150% of its rated load, which meets the criteria of ANSI N14.6 Section 5.3.1(1)-1978.

This should complete the requirements for information regarding this issue. Please contact this office should any additional questions arise.

Very truly yours,

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