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Dr. Thomas E. Murley, Director
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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Docket No: 50-331
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Request for Relief from ASME Section XI
Requirements.

Reference: Letter from M. Virgilio (NRC) to L. Liu
(IELP) dated July 7, 1987


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Dear Dr. Murley:

In the referenced letter, your staff informed us that they had reviewed and approved the second 10-year Inservice Inspection Plan and relief requests for the Duane Arnold Energy Center. Subsequent to this letter, we have identified the need for an additional relief request. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), the attached request for relief (NDE-006) is submitted and we ask that it be approved as a revision to our current Inservice Inspection Plan.

Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,


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REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION RELIEF

COMPONENT OR ITEM	ASME XI CLASS	PROGRAM TABLE	CODE CATEGORY	CODE ITEM
ALL ASME SECTION XI ISI ITEMS	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL

CODE REQUIREMENT FOR WHICH RELIEF IS REQUESTED:

The DAEC is required to meet requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, 1980 Edition with Addenda through Winter 1981 during the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection Interval. Paragraph IWA-2300(A)(1) of ASME Section XI, 1980/Winter 1981 requires all NDE Level III Examiners to be qualified to SNT-TC-7A 1980 by examination and further, that all Level I, II, and III personnel shall be recertified by examination on a triennial basis.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF:

It is requested that nondestructive examination personnel shall be qualified in accordance with paragraph IWA-2300(A)(1) of ASME Section XI, 1980 Edition with the exception that NDE Level III personnel shall be recertified by examination on a quinquennial basis, and that any current NDE Level III personnel certifications be extended to expire on the fifth anniversary of the current certification date unless recertified by examination at an earlier date.

BASIS FOR RELIEF:

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Nuclear Code Case N-356 was adopted July 16, 1982 which permits extension of NDE Level III personnel certification period to five years.

ASME has allowed use of Code Case N-356 to apply to all editions and addenda of ASME Section XI from the 1977 Edition, Winter 1977 Addenda through the 1983 Edition.

Provisions of Code Case N-356 were incorporated into ASME Section XI, Winter 1983 Addenda.

10CFR50.55a has approved for use the ASME Section XI, 1983 Edition with Addenda through Summer 1983.

ALTERNATE EXAMINATION:

All nondestructive examination personnel shall be qualified in accordance with paragraph IWA-2300(A)(1) of ASME Section XI, 1980 Edition with the exception that NDE Level III personnel shall be recertified by examination on a quinquennial basis, and any current NDE Level III personnel certifications will be extended to expire on the fifth anniversary of the current certification date unless recertified by examination at an earlier date. This will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

July 1, 1988