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SUBJECT: Responds to NRC 841001 request for Tech Specs within 90 days, reflecting limitation of opening angle for containment purge & vent valves. Delay of submittal until 850329 requested to incorporate addl Tech Spec changes.

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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
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Containment Purge/Vent Valve Technical
Specifications
Reference: NRC Letter, D. Vassallo to L. Liu, dated
October 1, 1984
File: A-107b

Dear Mr. Denton:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter of October 1, 1984 (Reference). That letter transmitted a Safety Evaluation concerning the demonstration of containment purge and vent valve operability at the DAEC. The letter requested that we submit to the NRC within 90 days appropriate Technical Specifications which reflect the limitation of the opening angle for these valves.

During our investigation of this issue, we learned that once we have installed Standby Gas Treatment overpressure protection (scheduled to be complete prior to Cycle 8 startup) that there is no longer a requirement to limit purge time through these valves for safety purposes. Therefore, we intend to submit a Technical Specification change amending Section 3.7.A.9, which currently limits purge time to 90 hours per year. Since this change is so closely related to that requested by the referenced letter, we wish to incorporate it into the same Technical Specification change. Including this additional item has caused us some delay and we, therefore, request to delay submittal of this Technical Specification change to March 29, 1985.

Please inform us if this response is unacceptable.

Very truly yours,

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