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SUBJECT: Informs that standby gas treatment sys modified for protection from overpressurization. Mod completed prior to Cycle 8 startup. Review of Tech Spec Change RTS-185, eliminating limitation on opening of valves, requested.

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Mr. Harold Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
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Notification of Standby Gas Treatment System
Overpressure Protection Modification Completion

Reference: 1) Letter, R. McGaughy to H. Denton,
"Semiannual Report for the 'Plan for the
Integrated Scheduling of Plant
Modifications for the DAEC'," dated May 3,
1985 (NG-85-1539)

2) Letter, R. McGaughy to H. Denton, "RTS-185,
Containment Purge/Vent Valves," dated
April 5, 1985 (NG-85-0908)

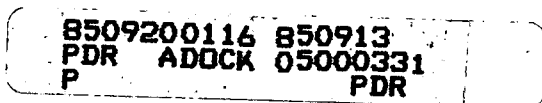
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Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter is to inform you that we have modified our Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS) to protect it from overpressurization.

Reference 1 changed our implementation date on this modification from prior to Cycle 8 startup to prior to Cycle 9 startup due to valve shipment delays. At that time we had determined that the installation of these valves was necessary to prevent inadvertent operation of the already installed pressure relief device. However, upon further evaluation we determined that the installation of these valves is not necessary to prevent inadvertent operation of the pressure relief device and the relief device has been declared operable. Therefore, the SGTS overpressure protection modification was completed prior to Cycle 8 startup as originally scheduled.

Reference 2 transmitted Technical Specification change RTS-185, which eliminates the 90-hour per year limitation on the opening of the DAEC vent/purge valves. Approval of this Technical Specification change is contingent upon the completion of this modification. Now that the SGTS overpressure protection has been declared operable, we request that you proceed with your review of RTS-185.

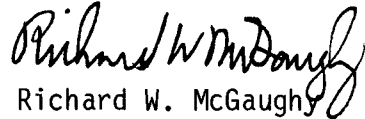


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Please inform us of any questions or comments you may have concerning this subject.

Very truly yours,



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