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SUBJECT: Implementation of DAEC Operator Requalification Program

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Dear Mr. Skovholt:

In accordance with 10CFR55 as amended, and the Duane Arnold Energy Center Operator Training Program, the Operator Requalification Program is in the process of being implemented.

As discussed with Mr. J. Holman, Reactor Engineer, USAEC, Operator Licensing Branch, we propose delaying the classroom lecture series portion of the Requalification Program until the completion of the Startup Test Program. We feel such a delay is necessary because the conduct of the simultaneous Preoperational and Startup Test Program requires extensive licensed operator support. The requirement for operators to attend classroom lectures would cause delays in completion of the Startup Test Program.

Such a delay would also be advantageous to the overall Requalification Program for the following reasons:

1. The Preoperational and Startup Test Program is a one time effort. Operator participation in the program will contribute more to their proficiency than attending classroom lectures at this time.

Participation in the Preoperational and Startup Test 2. Program satisfies the intent of the lecture series as stated in the Operator Training Program.

For the reasons stated above, it is requested that we be allowed to delay implementation of classroom lectures portion of the Requalification Program pending completion of the Startup Test Program.

Very truly yours,

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