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Facility: Iowa Electric Light & Power Co. Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Duane Arnold
 Palo, IA 52324
 Docket No. 50-331

☐ Notification of an Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Subject: FEMA FINDS IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN "INADEQUATE"----- (UPDATE)

The licensee issued a press release June 30, 1988, announcing that the State of Iowa has submitted revised offsite emergency plans to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

However, one of the revised plans was not complete, so the licensee said it will miss FEMA's imposed July 1, 1988, deadline. (The deadline was established to allow FEMA time to evaluate and approve the plans prior to September's planned emergency exercise.)

The still incomplete plan revision involves the development of a third host county. (A host county is one that is outside the 10 mile emergency preparedness zone (EPZ). It would "host" or house those people who are evacuating the 10 mile EPZ).

"Arrangements are being developed for a third host county to complete the planning," said William Rothert, IE Nuclear Division Manager, in the press release. "We have submitted all other revisions to our emergency plan within the July 1 deadline. We have been making maximum effort to finalize the plans, but we won't make the deadline for the third host county."

Mr. Rothert added that he believed the plans now adequately protect the health and safety of the public, "and when additional host arrangements are completed, they will be fully satisfactory."

The State of Iowa is aware of this information. There has been some news media interest.

This information is current as of 10 a.m. (CDT), July 1, 1988.

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