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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region III staff on this date.

Facility:	Iowa Electric Light & Power Co.	Licensee Emergency Classification:
J	Duane Arnold Energy Center	Notification of an Unusual Event
	Palo, IA 52324	Alert
		Site Area Emergency
	Docket No. 50-331	General Emergency
		X Not Applicable

Subject: PINHOLE LEAKS IN CONTROL ROD DRIVE (CRD) HYDRAULIC LINES

On November 21, 1988, while the unit was shut down for refueling, the licensee identified a pin hole leak in a Control Rod Drive insert line inside the drywell. Subsequent liquid penetrant examination found two additional leaking lines and 30 lines with indications which had not penetrated the pipe walls. There are a total of 178 control rod drive insert and withdrawal lines.

Metallurgical examination of the leaking lines determined the cause of the defects to be chloride externally induced stress corrosion cracking. The licensee is currently investigating possible sources of the chlorides within containment associated with the defects.

The licensee has removed the 33 hydraulic lines with leaks or indications; 19 are withdraw lines and 14 are insert lines. Replacement is expected to take about a week.

A Region III (Chicago) engineering specialist and an NRC consultant observed the metallurgical analysis. The specialist and the resident inspectors will continue to monitor the licensee's repair activities and its evaluation of the problem.

The State of Iowa will be notified.

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Region III was initially notified of the leaking hydraulic line on November 21, 1988. This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., December 6, 1988.

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