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Mr. Edson G. Case, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H. Street NW Washington, D. C. 20545

Re:

Duane Arnold Energy Center

Subject: Environmental Technical Specification Violation Report 78-5

File: A-117

## Dear Mr. Case:

This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Appendix B to Operating License DPR-49, Specification 3.3.1.C.1.

### Problem

On July 1, 1978, an off-gas stack sample high/low flow alarm was received. A check revealed the sample pump was running but producing little flow.

## Investigation

The off-gas stack sample pump, 1P-247, was disassembled and found to be producing low flow due to the carbon vanes being excessively worn and broken. The plant was shut down at the time for an extended maintenance outage (see RO 78-030).

#### Corrective Action

The faulty carbon vanes were replaced with like-for-like spares and the sample pump tested and returned to service. The pump was out of service for approximately 2 hours. Current plans are to install a redundant sample pump. Also, a design review of the off-gas sampling system is currently in progress to verify the adequacy of the proposed design. These actions should help preclude recurrence. During the period the sample pump was out of service the plant was shut down and there was no detectable activity being Mr. Edson G. Case Page 2 July 10, 1978

released either prior to or after this period. Due to these factors no significant releases were assumed to have occurred during the period 1P-247 was not operating.

This report has been reviewed and approved by the DAEC Operations Committee.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. J. Keppler