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Docket No. 50-331

Iowa Electric Light and Power
Company
ATTN: Mr. Duane Arnold
President

IE Towers
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. W. S. Little, I. N. Jackiw, E. R. Swanson, G. C. Wright and N. J. Chrissotimos of this office on October 9-12, 18-19, 25-26 and November 1-2, and 20, 1979, of activities at the Duane Arnold Energy Center authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-49 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. L. Root and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement of explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

Section 8.b of the report details discusses an item of noncompliance identified by your QA program relating to personnel qualification. Since at the close of the inspection you had not determined long term corrective action, please respond to this item in the same manner as described above.

As discussed with you this was a special inspection to review the effectiveness of your QA program in selected areas for both past and ongoing activities. While the items of noncompliance identified during this inspection taken individually, are not considered significant the number of examples indicate that further management attention in these areas is needed. We will continue to review the effectiveness of your QA program during future inspections.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

R. F. Heishman, Chief
Reactor Operations and
Nuclear Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-331/79-25

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