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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III 799 ROOSEVELT ROAD GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

Docket No. 50-331

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

P. O. Box 351 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. A. G. Januska and W. B. Grant of this office on September 8-11, and October 15 and 16, 1980, 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. D. Mineck 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 noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Appendix A. The inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified item of noncompliance and to prevent recurrence. Consequently, no reply to this item of noncompliance is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time. However, it is our understanding as agreed to during our exit interview that you will review 1979 and 1980 effluent report data and add barium and cerium nuclide values where applicable and submit that data to Region III by December 1, 1980.

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,

A. B. Davis, Chief

Fuel Facility and Materials

Safety Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation

2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-331/80-16

cc w/encl:

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