

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company  
Duane Arnold Energy Center

Docket No. 50-331  
License No. DPR-49

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 29 through June 30, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1992), the violation is listed below:


10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XII, Control of Measuring and Test Equipment, requires that measuring devices used in activities affecting quality are properly controlled, calibrated, and adjusted at specified periods to maintain accuracy within necessary limits. Iowa Electric Quality Assurance Manual Section 11.8.3 requires that calibrations of measuring and test equipment shall be calibrated against certified equipment having documented traceability to nationally recognized standards or a basis for calibration, if no national standard exists.

Contrary to the above, on April 29, 1992, the licensee failed to calibrate the recorder used for scram time testing, during the performance of surveillance test procedure 43D002 "Scram Insertion Time Test", against an existing national standard.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duane Arnold Energy Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555 with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 799 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Duane Arnold Energy Center within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Glen Ellyn, Illinois  
this 10 day of July 1992

  
L. R. Greger, Chief  
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