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SUBJECT: Forwards insp rept 50-331/92-20 on 920901-1021 & notice of violation. Concern that first violation identifies several instances where procedures inadequately implemented by staff noted.

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Iowa Electric Light and Power
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ATTN: Mr. Lee Liu
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Dear Mr. Liu:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. M. Parker and C. Miller of this office on September 1 through October 21, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC) facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The first violation is of concern because it identifies several instances where procedures were inadequate or inadequately implemented by your staff. The second violation is of concern because it represents a breakdown in the inservice testing program which could affect the reliability of safety-related systems.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



L. Robert Greger, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-331/92020(DRP)

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