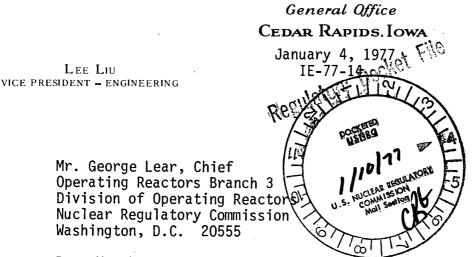
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IOWA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY





Dear Mr. Lear:

Your letter of November 24, 1976 requested information concerning the effects of increased fission gas releases on the safety analysis for the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC).

General Electric has responded generically in their December 22, 1976 letter from G. G. Sherwood to D. F. Ross on this subject. We have reviewed the GE response and have determined that the bounding analysis is applicable to the DAEC, and request that it be made an official part of our docket.

Question a) of your letter requested the date on which any fuel rod in the DAEC will reach a local exposure of 20,000 megawatt-days per metric ton or uranium (MWD/tu). Calculations indicate that peak pellet exposure has passed this exposure. Nodal exposure of greater than 20,000 MWD/tu is not expected until after June 1, 1977.

Three signed originals and 40 copies of this letter are transmitted herewith. This letter is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Iowa Electric_Light and Power Company By:

Lee Liu Vice President, Engineering

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this \mathcal{S}^{∞} day of January, 1977.

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa.

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