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> Mr. Victor Stello, Director Division of Operating Reactors Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

> > Subject: Airborne Release Rates

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Dear Mr. Stello:

This letter is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Appendix B to Operating License DPR-49 regarding airborne release rates from the Duane Arnold Energy Center.

Specification 2.3.1.C.3b requires that your office be notified when the airborne release rate exceeds 2% of the value specified in Specification 2.3.1.C.2 when averaged over a calendar quarter. Accordingly, this letter is to advise you that the DAEC airborne release rate will attain the above level during the week of December 19, 1976.

The primary source of the airborne activity is radioactive products released to the coolant through minor fuel cladding perforations which result from normal reactor power operation. The releases are somewhat increased by periodic cycling of reactor power to accomodate normal fluctuations in electrical distribution system loads.

In order to minimize the increase in DAEC airborne release rates during normal reactor power operation, the reactor will be base loaded as much as possible during the remaining operating cycle.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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cc: J. Keppler, NRC

