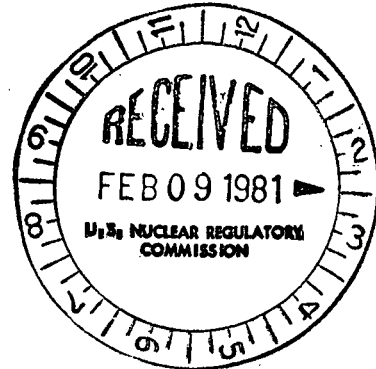


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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

A review of I & E Bulletin 80-17, Supplement 2, in conjunction with the NRC Generic SER dated December 1, 1980 (pages 3, 6, and Section 3.1.1.2) against the DAEC SDV vent configuration reveals that the original configuration was fully adequate to satisfy the NRC requirements.

The modification, which was implemented to comply with the actions required by the bulletin, has proven to be a radiological hazard to personnel while it has no positive effect on the SDV vent system.

Therefore, we are returning the DAEC SDV vent piping to its original configuration and amend our response to the supplement as follows: "Iowa Electric Light and Power Company feels that the system, as built, satisfies the requirements and no modifications are necessary."

Should you have any questions in regard to this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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To: Routing Date: January 29, 1981
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Project: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Subject: Concurrence with Outgoing Correspondence
Reference: LDR-81-46, SDV Vent Modification

The Scram Discharge Volume Vent modification which we made in July, 1980, according to the requirements of I & E Bulletin No. 80-17, Supplement 2, was not required at DAEC. This has been confirmed by the NRC Generic SER dated December, 1980, and by telecon with both NRR in Bethesda and the I & E Resident Office in Palo.

This modification has created the means for airborne contamination in the reactor building each time the reactor scrams. We have assumed the position that we will replace the vent line as it was prior to the change made according to Supplement 2 and so inform I & E Region III. We are not asking for "permission" or "approval" because that would likely involve an undesirable length of time, i. e., in reality we are trying to avoid the problem the next time the reactor scrams.

Concurrence with and release of the referenced letter is requested.

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