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July 17, 2012

Mr. Richard L. Anderson  
Vice President  
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In a telephone conversation on July 11, 2012, Mr. Bruce Palagi, Senior Inspector, and Mr. Anthony Lewis, Operation Training Supervisor, made arrangements for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Duane Arnold Energy Center. The inspection is planned for the week of August 20, 2012, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their biennial comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by August 13, 2012. Mr. Lewis has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Bruce Palagi at 630-829-9611, or me at 630-829-9707.

Sincerely,

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