

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IES Utilities Incorporated  
Duane Arnold Energy Center

Docket No. 50-331  
License No. DPR-49

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 20 through June 5, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.1 requires that written procedures covering areas such as corrective maintenance be implemented. Maintenance Directive (MD) 020, "Maintenance Planning," Revision 25, specifies that the Operations Shift Supervisor (OSS) is responsible for determining the effect of the maintenance on the plant and any other requirements or special conditions (like TS requirements) that are required for the maintenance to occur.

Contrary to the above, on May 17, 1996, the inspectors identified that the OSS failed to determine that a TS limiting condition for operation (LCO) was necessary for the May 15, 1996, maintenance on a drywell pressure monitor. The inspectors identified that TS Table 3.2-H, Action Statement 93 specified a 30 day LCO with the drywell pressure monitor inoperable. (50-331/96004-02)

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duane Arnold Energy Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555 with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Duane Arnold Energy Center within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previously docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois  
this 5th day of July 1996

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