

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IES Utilities Inc.  
Duane Arnold Energy Center

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

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 19 through September 6, 1996, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violations are listed below:

1. Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.1 requires that written procedures covering areas such as normal startup, operation, and shutdown of systems and components of the facility be implemented. Operating Instruction (OI) 324, "Standby Diesel Generator System" requires that valve V-32-170 (standby diesel generator engine driven air cooling water pump suction drain) be closed.

Contrary to the above, on July 23, 1996, the inspectors identified that valve V-32-170 was in the open position.

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

2. Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.1 requires that written procedures covering areas such as the Fire Protection Program be implemented. Administrative Control Procedure (ACP) 1412.4, "Impairments to Fire Protection Systems" requires that fire doors that will be blocked open will require a Fire Door Impairment Permit be placed on the fire door.

Contrary to the above, on August 9, 1996, the inspectors identified that fire door 111 was blocked open without a fire protection impairment request initiated and posted on the door.

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

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in the subject inspection report. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

Dated at Lisle, Illinois  
this 14 day of November 1996

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