

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-331

IOWA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, ET AL

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY  
OPERATING LICENSE  
AND

NOTICE OF GRANTING RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI  
INSERVICE INSPECTION (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 52 to Facility Operating License No. DPK-49 issued to Iowa Electric Light and Power Company, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment changes the Technical Specifications for operation of the Duane Arnold Energy Center, located in Linn County, Iowa to require that all inservice inspection and testing at the facility be performed in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineer's Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) except where specific written relief has been granted by the Commission pursuant to 10 CFR 50, Section 50.55a(g)(6)(i). The letter transmitting Amendment No. 52 also grants relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code where the Commission has determined it is impossible or impractical to examine or test a specific component because of design, geometry or materials of construction. For those requirements of the ASME Code for which the Commission has granted relief, the Commission has required alternate, compensatory examinations and tests that will achieve the objectives of the ASME Code.

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The application for the amendment and request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment and letter granting

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relief. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the action does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

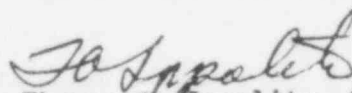
The Commission has determined that the action will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated November 30, 1977, (2) request for relief dated October 13, 1978, (3) Amendment No. 52 to License No. DPR-49, (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (5) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated

All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, 426 Third Avenue, S. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401. A copy of items (3), (4) and (5) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 5th day of July 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
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