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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

August 7, 1979

Docket No. 50-331

Mr. Duane Arnold, President
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Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 53 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-49 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications and is in response to your application dated March 29, 1978 (IE-78-455).

This amendment changes the Appendix B Technical Specifications to (1) allow continuous chlorination of the DAEC circulating water systems, and (2) permit and control the amount of discharge of a number of proprietary water treatment chemicals for the circulating water systems.

Since the amendment applies only to chemical discharge limitations, it does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action.

A copy of the related Environmental Impact Appraisal and Notice of Issuance and Negative Declaration are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Ippolito, Chief
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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 53
- 2. Environmental Impact Appraisal
- 3. Notice

cc w/enclosures:
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