

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company June 10, 1983 DAEC-83- 427

Mr. James G. Keppler Regional Administrator Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

> Subject: Licensee Event Report No. 83-021 (14 day)

File: A-118a, TE-2

Dear Mr. Keppler:

In accordance with Appendix A to Operating License DPR-49, Technical Specifications, Section 6.11.2.a(2), and Bases for Duane Arnold Energy Center and Regulatory Guide 10.1, please find attached a copy of the subject Licensee Event Report.

As noted in the attached LER, reactor shutdown was initiated in accordance with DAEC Technical Specification 3.7.a.6(c) at 1346 hours on May 27, 1983, when with one division of H₂O₂ analyzer serving containment inoperable, the second division experienced operability problems. The controlled shutdown was terminated at 1630 hours when one division was returned to operable status. Although this report is being classified as a 14 day LER (since a parameter was less conservative than the least conservative aspect of the LCO) the DAEC technical specifications do not credit the recently installed post accident sampling system (PASS). The PASS system was operable throughout the periods of inoperability of the H₂O₂ analyzers and provides the capability to obtain and analyze in less than one hour containment and torus atmosphere H₂ and O₂ concentrations. We anticipate revising the DAEC technical specifications to reflect the redundancy of the PASS system to the H₂O₂ analyzers and negate the need for shutdown or an LER should the above circumstances repeat themselves.

Very truly yours,

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Licensee Event Report - Supplemental Data

Docket No. 050-0331

Licensee Event Report Date: 6-10-83

Reportable Occurrence No: 83-021

Description of Event

On May 21, 1983, channel B of the DAEC H₂O₂ analyzers serving containment and torus atmosphere was declared inoperable. In accordance with DAEC technical specification 4.7.A.6.c., operability testing of the Channel A H₂ and O₂ analyzers was increased in frequency. While performing calibration of the A channel on May 27, 1983, difficulties were experienced in calibration of the A channel. Investigation revealed that pressure regulators within the A channel were fouling due to contamination by particulate matter. In accordance with DAEC specification 3.7.A.6.c, a controlled shutdown was initiated at 1346 hours on May 27, 1983. This controlled shutdown was terminated at 1630 hours when division A was returned to operable status following cleaning of the regulators and successful performance of the surveillance test procedure for the A H₂O₂ analyzer.

Cause of Event

As noted above, contamination entered the H₂O₂ analyzer system during the recent refueling outage. This contamination was caused by particulate matter from outage activities such as painting, welding, and grinding. The contamination eventually collected in the regulators resulting in slow deterioration of system response.

Corrective Action

The A analyzer was returned to operable status following minor maintenance on the regulator. The B channel was returned to operable status following replacement of regulators several days later. The Post Accident Monitoring System (PASS) which is not currently credited in DAEC technical specifications provided redundant diverse indication of containment and torus atmosphere H₂ and O₂ concentrations. Upon returning the A system to service on May 27, 1983, the PASS system and H₂O₂ analyzers demonstrated excellent agreement on sample test results. DAEC Technical Specifications under review in anticipation of a proposed technical specification amendment to credit the PASS system capabilities.