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Docket No. 50-331

Iowa Electric Light and Power  
Company  
ATTN: Mr. Duane Arnold  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
IE Towers  
P. O. Box 351  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by K. Connaughton of this office on July 19-22, 1982, of activities at Duane Arnold Energy Center authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-49 and to the discussion of our findings with D. Mineck and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the technical meeting between Mr. W. S. Little and others of this office and Mr. R. McGaughy and others of your staff on September 3, 1982.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

On September 13, 1982, an enforcement conference was held to discuss circumstances surrounding items of noncompliance identified in the Appendix concerning implementation of your inservice test program for pumps and valves. Items 1 and 2 of the Appendix are recurring violations that were noted in Inspection Report No. 50-331/81-11. We are concerned about the adequacy of your management controls which permitted these items to occur and persist. While you had given considerable attention to the inservice test program implementation deficiencies previously identified, your corrective action was incomplete. As discussed with you in the September 13 meeting, we consider the resolution of this programmatic deficiency to be of the utmost importance. Consequently, we will be closely monitoring the implementation of your Regulatory Performance Improvement Program.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than seven (7) days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by C.E. Norelius"  
C. E. Norelius, Director  
Division of Engineering and  
Technical Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice  
of Violation
2. Inspection Report  
No. 50-331/82-11(DETP)

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