NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IES Utilities Incorporated
Duane Arnold Energy Center

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

During an NRC inspection conducted April 25 through May 12, 1994, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violations are listed below:

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawing," requires that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, or drawings, of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings.

   Procedure No. 1406.1, Revision 1, "Procedure Use and Adherence," requires in step 6.0 (1) that "When signoffs are required to reflect performance of procedural steps, the worker shall sign/initial each step when the step is completed and prior to beginning the next step."

   Contrary to the above, STP-41A005, "RPS Response Time Check" dated March 26, 1992, channel test steps 7.1.14.8, 7.2.14.4, and 7.3.8.8 were not signed off as completed. Also, some N/A steps were initialed while completed steps were N/A'd.

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

2. 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, requires that measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations and nonconformances are promptly identified and corrected.

   Contrary to the above, from 1980 to 1993, the licensee failed to address a design deficiency or establish and impose administrative controls to ensure that override switch S583B was not placed in the override position prior to receipt of a group 3 Primary Containment Isolation Signal (PCIS). The switch had been placed in the override position on several occasions during reactor protection system (RPS) bus transfer testing, prior to receipt of a group 3 isolation signal.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Iowa Electric Light and Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555 with a copy to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL, 60532 and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Duane Arnold Energy Center within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be

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clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this
23rd day of June, 1994.