

IES UTILITIES INC.

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Mr. William T. Russell, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Docket No: 50-331
Op. License No: DPR-49
Response to NRC Request for Additional
Information On the Overhead Platform for New
Spent Fuel Racks
References: Letter, R. Pulsifer (NRC) to L. Liu (IES), dated
August 26, 1994
File: A-117, J-82

Dear Mr. Russell:

In the referenced letter, your staff sent a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on one aspect of our previously approved license amendment for reracking the Spent Fuel Pool. Those questions relate to the proposal for use of an overhead platform to be installed on top of certain of the new Spent Fuel Racks. We have not yet procured that platform and do not have immediate plans to do so. Consequently we propose to defer responding to your RAI. We will not use the overhead platform until we have satisfactorily resolved the questions in the referenced letter. This proposed course of action has been discussed with members of your staff. Further, we understand that your staff's questions relate only to the installation and use of the overhead platform and not to any other aspects of the Spent Fuel Pool reracking project, as approved by Amendment 195.

The following new commitment is made in this letter:

1. IES Utilities will not install the Spent Fuel Rack Overhead Platform until the subject RAI is resolved to NRC satisfaction.

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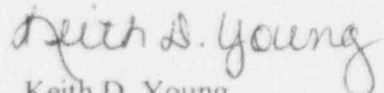
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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


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