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Docket No. 50-331

Iowa Electric Light and
Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Lee Liu
President and Chief
Executive Officer
IE Towers
P. O. Box 351
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. L. S. Clardy of this office on January 3 through 31, 1984, of activities at Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC) authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-49 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. Mineck and other members of his staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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.

In addition to the item of noncompliance addressed in the Appendix, we are concerned about the several other recent personnel errors which have occurred as documented in the enclosed report. We understand you will continue to investigate the events for root causes and corrective actions. We will perform a special inspection into these areas at a future time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosure(s), and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter (and the accompanying Notice) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W. D. Shafer" *for*

C. E. Norelius, Director
Division of Project and
Resident Programs

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-331/84-02(DPRP)

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