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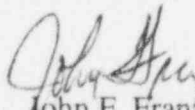
Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Docket No: 50-331
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DAEC Simulator Discrepancy
Reference: Letter, Franz (IES) to Russell (NRC), dated March 24, 1995,
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Dear Mr. Russell:

On March 24, 1995, we submitted our report of certification of the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC) plant simulator (Reference). In that letter, we reported two simulator discrepancies. One of those discrepancies is related to the capability to simulate a specific failure in the Control Rod Position Indication System. We stated that we would repair that feature by January 31, 1996. Subsequent to that letter, we have concluded that this feature is not essential for training purposes. It simulates a failure of the indication system only, and in over five years of simulator use, it has not been included in any accredited scenarios. Because of the cost associated with repairing that feature compared with its low training value, we have decided not to repair it and have decertified it. The other discrepancy will be corrected, as previously communicated.

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

Sincerely,


John F. Franz,
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