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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
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Response to Generic Letter 88-20,
Supplement 4

Reference: 1) Letter, Mineck (IELP) to Murley
(NRC), NG-91-4093, dated December
23, 1991
2) Letter, Shiraki (NRC) to Liu
(IELP), dated July 17, 1992

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Dear Dr. Murley:

Generic Letter (GL) 88-20, Supplement 4, requested that licensees submit proposed programs for completing individual plant examinations of external events (IPEEE) for plant-specific severe accident vulnerabilities. Reference 1 provided Iowa Electric Light and Power Company's (IELP's) response to GL 88-20, Supplement 4, for the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). In that letter, we stated that our schedules and major milestones for the IPEEE would be communicated to you in the November 1992 semi-annual report under our Integrated Plan. We also stated that because of similarities between the seismic portion of the IPEEE program and the resolution of USI A-46, we intended to conduct common portions of these programs concurrently.

Reference 2 requested that we submit the IPEEE milestones and schedules along with our response to Generic Letter 87-02, Supplement 1, no later than September 18, 1992. Subsequent to receiving that letter, we contacted your staff to discuss our previously proposed schedule (Reference 1). This schedule allows time to develop a reasonable approach to the Generic Implementation Procedure (GIP) for resolution of USI A-46 and then further develop the IPEEE. Since the same individuals will be working on the resolution of USI A-46 and the seismic portion of the IPEEE, the proposed schedule allows us to complete our commitments to the Generic Letters regarding USI A-46 and IPEEE

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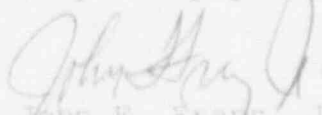
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with the currently available resources. This letter is to confirm discussions in which we have advised members of your staff that our response to Generic Letter 87-02, Supplement 1 will be submitted no later than September 21, 1992 (in accordance with 10 CFR 2.710) and that the milestones and schedules for the IPEEE will be included in the November 1992 semi-annual report of the "Plan for the Integrated Scheduling of Plant Modifications for the Duane Arnold Energy Center."

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

Very truly yours,



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