

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IES Utilities Incorporated
Duane Arnold Energy Center

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

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 17 through March 8, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violation is listed below:

Criterion XVI of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, requires, in part, that measures be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality are promptly identified and corrected.

Contrary to the above, as of January 25, 1996, weak controls in the licensee's Engineered Maintenance Action (EMA) process, identified in September 1994, had not been corrected. The EMA process failed to ensure that, when replacement river water supply pump motors were installed in November 1995, affected procedures were updated in a timely manner. As a result, the wrong type of oil was added during a maintenance activity on January 22, 1996. A similar concern was identified with the EMA process (and cited as a Violation of technical specifications) in September 1994 when annunciator response procedures were not updated following changes to area radiation monitor setpoints (50-331/96002-07).

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duane Arnold Energy Center 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 60532-4351, 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 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. Your response may reference or include previously docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. 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 12th day of April 1996

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