

July 3, 1996

Mr. Lee Liu
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
IES Utilities, Incorporated
IE Towers
P. O. Box 351
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION REPORT NO. 50-331/OL-96-02(DRS)

Dear Mr. Liu:

This refers to the NRC administered initial license examinations conducted by Mr. E. Plettner and others from June 3 to June 10, 1996. The examinations were administered to employees of your company who had applied for licenses to operate the Duane Arnold Energy Center. At the conclusion of the examination process, preliminary findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Four individuals not previously licensed at Duane Arnold Energy Center were given Reactor Operator examinations. Five individuals, three of which were not licensed at Duane Arnold Energy Center, were given Senior Reactor Operator examinations. All applicants passed all portions of their respective examinations and will be issued individual operating licenses.

During administration of the operating portion of the examination, some operators demonstrated inadequate knowledge and abilities associated with the design and operation of selected safety systems. The results of the written examination identified weaknesses in the knowledge of plant-wide generics, system operations, and abnormal and emergency procedures. Details are outlined within the body of this report.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, with enclosures, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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Should you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact Elden Plettner at 708-829-9730.

Sincerely,

original signed by M. Leach

Melvyn Leach, Acting Chief
Operator Licensing Branch

Docket No. 50-331

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