

September 25, 1998

Mr. John F. Franz, Jr.
Vice President, Nuclear
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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Franz:

In a telephone conversation on September 24, 1998, Mr. Mike Davis, Operations Training Supervisor, and Mr. Hironori Peterson, Senior Operator Licensing Examiner, made arrangements for the NRC to inspect the licensed operator requalification program at the Duane Arnold Energy Center. The inspection is planned for the week of November 30, 1998, which coincides with your regularly scheduled requalification examination cycle. The staff at your facility should prepare and conduct the requalification examinations in accordance with your NRC-approved requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by November 23, 1998. Mr. Davis has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Mr. Peterson at 630-829-9707, or me at 630-829-9705.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Melvyn Leach

Melvyn N. Leach, Chief
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