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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD INSPECTION REPORT 50-331/98012(DRP)

Dear Mr. Franz:

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During this 6-week inspection period, your conduct of activities at the DAEC facility was characterized by safety conscious operations. In particular, a smooth transition to the use of Improved Technical Specifications was noted and a planned power reduction evolution was conducted in a controlled manner. No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

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

Sincerely,

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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