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January 26, 1999

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO USE ASME CODE CASE
N-508-1 IN THE INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR DUANE ARNOLD
ENERGY CENTER (TAC NO. MA3700)

Dear Mr. Protsch:

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The staff has reviewed and evaluated your request as documented in the enclosed safety evaluation. The staff has determined that your proposed alternative will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Accordingly, your request for relief to implement the alternatives provided in Code Case N-508-1 is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Use of Code Case N-508-1 is authorized for the third 10-year interval of the Duane Arnold Energy Center until such time as the Code Case is approved by reference in Regulatory Guide 1.147. At that time, if you intend to continue to implement this Code Case, you must follow all provisions in Code Case N-508-1 with any limitations issued in Regulatory Guide 1.147.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Cynthia A. Carpenter, Director
Project Directorate III-1
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-331

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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