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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT  
RE: REVISED THE SAFETY LIMIT MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO  
(TAC NO. MA5545)

Dear Mr. Protsch:

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The amendment revises DAEC TS Section 2.1.1.2, to revise the Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio (SLMCPR) to support operation with GE-12 fuel with a 10x10 pin array.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brenda L. Mozafari, Project Manager, Section 1  
Project Directorate III  
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-331

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