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SUBJECT: Ack receipt of NRC ltr of 781129 re containment purging during normal plant operations. Licensee will limit containment purging absolute min, not to exceed 90h per year pending completion of review of justification of purging.

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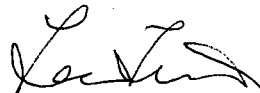
Dear Mr. Ippolito:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 29, 1978 concerning containment purging during normal plant operations.

Iowa Electric will limit containment purging to an absolute minimum, not to exceed 90 hours per year pending completion of the NRC staff review of our justification for continued purging. Iowa Electric plans to justify unlimited purging. We expect to provide our justification by March 1, 1979.

Our preliminary review of all safety actuation signal circuits which incorporate manual override features indicates the criteria stated in your letter are satisfied. Our final review will be completed by March 1, 1979. Safety signals are not overridden for normal operations at the DAEC.

Yours very truly,



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