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Iowa Electric Light & Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Duane Arnold
President
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Gentlemen:

RE: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER

The purpose of this letter is to request that you use a slightly modified format for reporting those non-routine occurrences that are required by your technical specifications to be reported to the Commission. You will recall that in October 1974, we started on a program to update the reporting requirements specified in the technical specifications of power reactor licensees. This program was brought about in part by the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, Section 208, which requires that certain information about abnormal occurrences be reported quarterly to Congress and disseminated to the public. A regulatory guide was prepared which identified the required reports, both routine and non-routine, and described the needed information. Regulatory Guide 1.16, "Reporting of Operating Information - Appendix A Technical Specifications" was the basis for the reporting requirements.

In our letter to you which issued technical specifications in conformance with the regulatory guide, we requested that you use the format presented in the guide and the instructions found in "Instructions for Preparation of Data Entry Sheets for Licensee Event Report (LER) File", OOE-SS-001, October, 1974. The format for the Licensee Event Report has been modified to make the LERs more useful for evaluation purposes. In addition, new instructions for completing the LER have been prepared and may be found in "Instructions for Preparation of Data Entry Sheets for Licensee Event Report (LER) File", NUREG-0161, July 1977. Two copies of this new instruction manual are enclosed for your future use. For additional copies of the instruction manual or blank LER forms, please contact our Director of Management Information and Program Control.

The new instruction manual contains a facsimile of the revised LER and instructions which are very similar to those presently being used. One difference is that in addition to the filled in LER form, we request that you provide a complete narrative report of the event for

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all 14 day follow-up reports. The narrative report should contain sufficient information to permit full understanding and enable a safety assessment of the event to be made. For the 30 day report, a well written LER within the space limitations of the LER may be adequate.

Therefore, we request that you review the enclosed instruction manual and make plans to use the revised form and instructions starting with the first reportable occurrence after September 30, 1977. If you do not anticipate being able to use the revised form, please notify us within 30 days and your reasons therefor.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

George Lear, Chief
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Enclosure:

"Instructions for Preparation
of Data Entry Sheets for
Licensee Event Report
(LER) File"

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