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 in Generic Ltr 83-28,Item 2.2,Part 2,'Vendor Interface..."

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Part 2 Vendor Interface for Safety-Related  
Components" (Generic Letter 90-03) dated  
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Dear Dr. Murley:

This letter is in response to the referenced Generic Letter which requested that Iowa Electric perform a review of its vendor interface program. The attachment to this letter details the results of that review.

Due to receipt of an NRC Safety Evaluation on this portion of our response to Generic Letter 83-28 in September, the 180-day response time was extended by the DAEC Project Manager J. R. Hall. Please contact this office if you require further information concerning our responses.

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### Review of DAEC Vendor Interface Program

Iowa Electric has reviewed its vendor interface program as requested by Generic Letter 90-03. The results of that review of the current program and several planned enhancements are detailed below.

In response to Generic Letter 83-28 we committed to the Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP) as described in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) report, INPO 84-010. Our GL 83-28 commitments were implemented in department-level procedures which included contact with NSSS and other safety-related equipment vendors as well as use of two industry computer networks described in the VETIP. Comparison of our program to the new Generic Letter 90-03 is detailed below.

#### GL 90-03 Position

- (a) An adequate vendor interface program should include a program with the NSSS vendor as described in the VETIP, which covers all the safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply. This program should include provisions for assuring receipt by the licensee/applicant of all technical information provided by the NSSS vendor.

#### Iowa Electric Response:

Our interface with our NSSS vendor, General Electric meets the requirements of the VETIP. We receive technical bulletins and advisories from General Electric, and we participate in BWR Owners' Group Committees concerning a wide variety of subjects. Receipt of information is confirmed by comparison to an index issued semiannually by the General Electric - Nuclear Energy Division.

#### GL 90-03 Position

- (b) An adequate vendor interface program should include a program of periodic contact with the vendors of other key safety-related components (vendors other than NSSS vendor.)

#### Iowa Electric Response:

The vendors that provided the safety-related manuals in our vendor library were contacted in 1985 in response to GL 83-28 and we verified that current information was available in our library. Safety-related vendors are being contacted again as part of a review of library information that began in January 1990. The goal of this review is to assure that the specific, up-to-date manual for each safety-related item, down to the subcomponent level when practicable, is identified in our maintenance data base and available in our vendor information library. When the review is complete, safety-related vendor information will be verified to be current and available in our vendor library. Thereafter, each vendor of safety-related items will be contacted annually to verify that our copies of its manuals are current.

Planned Program Enhancement

Iowa Electric will issue a division level procedure establishing requirements for collection, review, and utilization of data from vendors and other industry sources. This procedure will control the department level procedures that implement such activities as:

- a. Contact with the NSSS vendor.
- b. Control of a vendor manual update subscription service presently provided by the NSSS vendor.
- c. Interaction with the two computer networks, Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS) and Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN).
- d. Contact with non-NSSS vendors of safety-related components.
- e. Review by Engineering and Plant staff of collected information for applicability and implementation.
- f. Use of industry experience in cases where vendor information is unavailable.
- g. Incorporation of approved technical and industry information into plant procedures, documentation and information systems.
- h. Application of 10CFR50 Appendix B to data collection, review, and incorporation.


Program Schedule

This work will be completed in two phases. The first phase will be completion of the division level procedure to control the vendor interface program. The second phase will be completion of the review of vendor manual availability. The completion dates for these activities will be determined during our review of priorities and resources and will be provided in November in the next semi-annual update under our Integrated Plan.

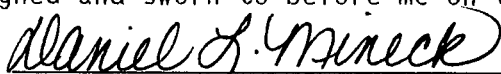
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This letter is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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