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SUBJECT: Informs that licensee recent independent assessment indicate that previous related review efforts do not meet current management expectations, per GL 96-01. Util engineering organization will reexamine existing documentation.

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Gentlemen:

Donald C. Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER (GL) 96-01

REFERENCES: 1)AEP:NRC:1246: Dated April 17, 1996, Response to
GL 96-01, Testing of Safety Related Logic Circuits.

2)AEP:NRC:1246A: Dated October 28, 1997, Response to
GL 96-01, Testing of Safety Related Logic Circuits.

On January 10, 1996, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 96-01, "Testing of Safety-Related Logic Circuits," to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. The GL purpose was to notify licensees' about problems with testing of safety-related logic circuits, request that all addressees implement the actions described within the generic letter, and require that all licensees submit to the NRC a written response regarding implementation of the requested actions.

Reference 1 provided our initial response committing to perform the requested actions. Reference 2 reported that AEP had completed the actions as specified in GL 96-01. Recent independent assessments indicate that the previous related review efforts do not meet current management expectations. As a result, our Engineering organization will reexamine existing documentation and initiate actions, as required. Additionally, a surveillance revalidation program has been initiated by our Operations Department to compare associated procedures with the Technical Specifications(TS). These endeavors are intended to provide reasonable assurance of continued TS compliance.

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AEP will report any deviations from safety circuit logic testing requirements in an LER(s). AEP will also report satisfactory completion of the above reviews prior to restart of the D.C. Cook units from the current outage.

Sincerely,



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