

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company

August 3, 1983

DAEC-83- 634

Mr. James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator
Region III
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Op. License No. DPR-49
Docket No. 50-331
Prompt Notification of a Reportable Occurrence
File: A-118a

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter telecopied to your office, provides written confirmation of a prompt notification pursuant to DAEC Technical Specifications, Appendix A, Section 6.11.2.a.7.

On the morning of 8/3/83, at approximately 0317 while performing periodic surveillance testing on the RCIC System, discharge pressure instrument PI 2506 displayed erroneous indications. Although this instrument provides no automatic control function, its failure prevents confirming RCIC discharge pressure and flow as required in our surveillance procedure. The RCIC System, therefore, was declared inoperable. In accordance with DAEC technical specifications, Appendix A, surveillance testing of the HPCI and other systems commenced. At approximately 0417 hours, HPCI turbine speed indication failed downscale. Although this instrument also performs no automatic control function, HPCI was declared inoperable.

Pursuant to technical specification 6.11.2.a and 10 CFR 50.72, notifications were made to the NRC and an unusual event declared. An orderly shutdown was initiated in accordance with Technical Specification 3.5.D.3.

Very truly yours,

BR York for

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cc: NRC Resident Inspector

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