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NRC Generic Letter 96-04, "Boraflex Degradation In Spent Fuel Pool
Storage Racks"

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Dear Sir:

We have reviewed the subject NRC Generic Letter and determined that it does not apply to the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). The DAEC spent fuel storage racks contain Boral which does not exhibit the characteristics of Boraflex as described in the Generic Letter. As stated in the Generic Letter, only those licensees that use Boraflex in spent fuel storage racks are required to respond. We therefore will not perform the actions requested in the Generic Letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth E. Peveler".

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