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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Docket No. 50-331
Operating License DPR-49
Reporting of Changes to the Quality Assurance Program
Description, UFSAR 17.2

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Dear Mr. Russell:

This letter transmits changes to Revision 16 of the IES Utilities Inc. Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD) for the Duane Arnold Energy Center in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR 50.54(a)(3).

Specifically, the Manager, Corporate Quality Assurance will report to the Manager, Regulatory Performance who reports to the Vice President - Nuclear. The Manager, Regulatory Performance will be responsible for Quality Assurance, Licensing and Emergency Planning. Previously, the Manager, Corporate Quality Assurance reported directly to the Vice President - Nuclear. The Manager, Corporate Quality Assurance will continue to have direct access to the Vice President - Nuclear. These changes are similar to those approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in letter dated April 20, 1996 from G. Grant to J. D. Stetz. These changes have been classified as a reduction in commitment in accordance with 10CFR 50.54(a)(3) and therefore NRC review and approval is required prior to implementation. Completion of the NRC review within the 60 days specified by 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3)(iv) is requested in support of timely realignment of the DAEC organization.

Enclosed as Attachment 1 is the affected page from the QAPD.

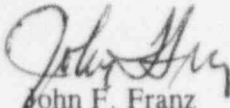
Attachment 2 to this submittal discusses the changes in the QAPD, the reasons for the changes, and states the bases for concluding that the program continues to satisfy the criteria of 10CFR Part 50, Appendix B.

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These changes will be incorporated into Revision 17 of the IES Utilities Inc. QAPD as part of the next UFSAR update in accordance with 10CFR 50.71e.

Very truly yours,



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- Attachments. 1) Affected pages from the DAEC UFSAR, Chapter 17.2 Revision 17, date to be determined
2) Discussion of changes in the Quality Assurance Program Description

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