

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

IES Utilities Inc.
Duane Arnold Energy Center

Docket No. 50-331
License No. DPR-49

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 25 through December 20, 1996, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," these violations are listed below:

1. Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.1 requires that written procedures covering areas such as testing requirements of equipment that could have an effect on the nuclear safety of the facility be implemented.

Surveillance Test Procedure (STP) 48A001-SA, "Standby Diesel Generator Semi-Annual Operability Test," Revision 22 was modified by document change form (DCF) 96-T-0313, which added a requirement to obtain vibration data following the two hour run at rated load.

Contrary to the above, on November 5, 1996, the plant operators failed to obtain vibration data as required by the DCF. The DCF was not incorporated into the STP.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

2. Technical Specification 2.1.A.2 requires that the average power range monitor (APRM) scram shall be set at less than or equal to 15 percent of rated power when in the refuel or startup and hot standby mode.

Technical Specification Table 3.1-1, 2.a requires action to be taken to suspend all operations involving core alterations and insert all insertable control rods within one hour when the APRM Neutron Flux 15 percent power trip function is inoperable.

Contrary to the above, from October 25, 1996, at 0558 hours until October 26, 1996, at 0625 hours, core alterations were not suspended while the APRM Neutron Flux 15 percent power trip function was inoperable.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duane Arnold Energy Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555 with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Duane Arnold Energy Center within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and

(4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previously docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 29th day of January 1997