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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

Reference. 1) January 30, 1996 letter from Stephen D. Floyd of the Nuclear Energy Institute to Suzanne C. Black of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
2) March 18, 1996 letter (NG-96-0096) from John J. Franz of IES Utilities to William Russell of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
3) August 14, 1996 letter (NG-96-1683) from John F. Franz of IES Utilities to William R. Russell of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
4) October 24, 1996 letter from Suzanne C. Black of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to Stephen D. Floyd of the Nuclear Energy Institute.

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Dear Mr. Miraglia:

This letter transmits three 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 10 CFR Section 50.54(a)(3). These three changes were previously provided by references 2 and 3 and have now been revised to incorporate the results of reference 4. In addition, responsibility for the resolution of conflicts on quality matters have been added in response to concerns expressed by the reviewer.

This submittal includes the following changes:

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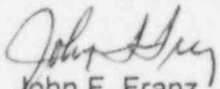
- Regulatory Guide 1.144 (ANSI N45.2.12 - 1977) requires suppliers to be evaluated annually. This submittal replaces the annual supplier evaluation with an ongoing supplier evaluation process.
- ANSI N45.2.23-1978 requires an auditor to participate in a minimum of five (5) audits prior to certification as a lead auditor. This submittal recognizes the performance attributes required for an individual to be considered for lead auditor certification. This performance based approach to lead auditor certification may require more than, or less than five (5) audits for certification.
- The Manager, Corporate Quality Assurance previously reported to the Vice President, Nuclear and now reports to the Manager, Regulatory Performance.

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

Attachment 3 to this submittal is a mark-up of UFSAR Chapter 13.1, "Conduct of Operations" which reflects the current organizational structure and incorporates changes since the previous 10 CFR 50.71(e) submittal.

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

Very truly yours,



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Vice President, Nuclear

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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.
- 3) Mark-up of UFSAR Section 13.1, "Conduct of Operations".

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