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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD INSPECTION REPORT 50-331/99014(DRP)

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During this 6-week inspection period, your conduct of activities at the DAEC facility was characterized by safety conscious operations. The remainder of the refueling outage was completed essentially event-free. Personnel performance was much improved over the previous refueling outage. Additionally, the failure of an intermediate range monitor and a main steam line relief valve were the only significant equipment problems noted during startup from the refueling outage. Both equipment problems were corrected. Operators completed an error-free startup.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvyn N. Leach".

Melvyn N. Leach, Chief
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