

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION III 2443 WARRENVILLE ROAD, SUITE 210 LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532-4352 March 28, 2019

Mr. Dean Curtland Director of Site Operations NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC 3277 DAEC Road Palo, IA 52324–9785

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Curtland:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Duane Arnold Energy Center.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the operating tests and the NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the weeks of April 8, 2019, and April 15, 2019. Upon notification of final NRC approval of the written examinations, you may administer the written examinations in accordance with Revision 11, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," during the week of April 15, 2019. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 630-829-9871.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Mr. Chuck Zoia, at 630-829-9863, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (Reactor Operator or Senior Reactor Operator) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

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Randal D. Baker, Acting Chief Operations Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50–331 License No. DPR–49

cc: Distribution via LISTSERV[®] C. Hill, Training Director Letter to Dean Curtland from Randal D. Baker dated March 28, 2019.

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