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Mr. Hubert J. Miller  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region I  
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Dear Mr. Miller:

The purpose of this letter is to officially inform you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) identification of a Deficiency that occurred during the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise conducted on May 11, 2004. The issue contributing to the Deficiency is presented for Evaluation Area 5, Criterion 5.b.1: (Emergency Information and Instructions for the Public and the Media) as follows:

**Description:** During the exercise, Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff did not advise the Beaver County 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) general population in the Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages number 1 and 2 to take potassium iodide (KI) following the first Alert and Notification sequence which advised the public to evacuate the 10-mile EPZ and for Emergency Workers, Special Population, and the General Population to take KI.

In accordance with 44 CFR 350.9(d) and FEMA-REP-14, we have thoroughly reviewed and discussed this issue with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA Region III's Regional Assistance Committee. FEMA-REP-14 defines a Deficiency as "...an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that offsite emergency preparedness is not adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate protective measures can be taken in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant." Because of the potential impact of a Deficiency on the protection of the public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days from the date of this letter, through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 931-5546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Hammons".

Darrell Hammons  
Regional Assistance Committee  
Chairman