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**NOTICE FOR: STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS
STATE RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR STATES ON NRC Y2K PREPAREDNESS
ACTIVITIES**

The purpose of this notice is to inform States of the established method for obtaining information about the status of telecommunications, grid reliability, and nuclear power plant operations during the Y2K transition period. It is also to provide primary contact telephone numbers for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the event that it is necessary to contact us directly.

The NRC Y2K contingency plan (www.nrc.gov/NRC/NEWS/year 2000.html) describes the NRC plan for responding to potential problems that arise during the Y2K transition period. It is important to note that if a significant event occurs involving NRC licensed facilities, the NRC will respond according to our Incident Response Plan and procedures. In that situation, States and other Federal agencies can expect notification and assistance from the affected utilities and the NRC in accordance with related procedures.

States will be able to obtain information about telecommunications, grid reliability, and nuclear power plant operations worldwide through the White House Information Coordination Center's (ICC) web-based Information Collection and Reporting System(ICRS) and other ICC reporting outputs that will be made available. The White House Information Coordination Center can be contacted at **1-888-USA-4Y2K**.

The NRC has developed a Y2K Early Warning System (YEWS), an Internet-based system that will collect information on nuclear power plant operations worldwide. Information that is derived from this system and verified will be communicated to the ICC for dissemination to all interested parties including the States (through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)). FEMA regions can be contacted through your local directory.

If FEMA or the ICC cannot be contacted, as a final contingency to obtain information on these subject areas, the NRC is providing the following information:

The NRC plans to staff the Operations Center in Rockville, Maryland according to the following schedule (all times are Eastern):

Early Warning Response Team	12:00 noon 12/31/99 - 10:00 p.m. 12/31/99
HQ-Y2K Monitoring Team	10:00 p.m. 12/31/99 - 6:00 a.m. 01/01/00
NRC Regions I,II,III,IV (HQ Backup)	10:00 p.m. 12/31/99 - 6:00 a.m. 01/01/00

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Emergency contact phone numbers for the NRC facilities are as follows:

NRC Operations Center (24 Hours) 301-816-5100
301-951-0550
301-415-0550, 51, 52, 53
301-816-5151 Fax

Region I Incident Response Center 610-337-5360
610-337-5067 Fax

Region II Incident Response Center 404-562-4480
404-562-4969 Fax

Region III Incident Response Center 630-829-9913
630-515-9931 Fax

Region IV Incident Response Center 817-860-8100
817-860-8228 Fax

The NRC Region IV Incident Response Center (IRC) in Arlington, Texas has been designated as the backup operations center for the NRC Headquarters Operations Center during the Y2K transition. Callers unable to contact the HQ Operations Center should contact the Region IV IRC at the numbers above.

The NRC has recently reported that all U.S. Nuclear Power Reactors are Y2K ready. In all likelihood, we expect the Y2K transition period to be uneventful.

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