

APR 24 1984

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Dear Mr. Kenyon:

Subject: Susquehanna Units 1 and 2 Annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Enclosed is an approved exemption dated **APR 24 1984** which provides a one-time exemption from the state, county and local government participation requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a, in response to your letter dated January 23, 1984.

This exemption permits the annual emergency preparedness exercise at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station to be conducted on April 4, 1984, without full scale participation by state, county and local governments within the plume exposure Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ).

A copy of the exemption is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure: Exemption

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By letter dated January 23, 1984, the licensee requested that an exemption be granted from the offsite government participation requirements of Section IV.F.1.a of Appendix E, for the April 4, 1984 exercise to be held at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station. The licensee bases this request for exemption on the previous successful participation by State and local agencies in the March 1983 exercise held at this site. The licensee contends that participation in the upcoming exercise would be an unnecessary burden on the State and local agencies.

By letter dated February 23, 1984, FEMA Region III determined that the implementation of corrective actions for deficiencies identified during the March 23, 1983 full scale exercise is progressing adequately and will be completed by April 1, 1984. Based on the evidence of improved response capability and the lack of any indication that response in other areas has degraded, FEMA concluded that the capability of the State, counties and municipalities to protect the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station remains adequate.

The NRC staff has reviewed the participation of the State and local governments in the March 1983 exercise at Susquehanna and the FEMA determination and agrees that a full-scale exercise involving State and local governments is not necessary. The staff determined that the agencies demonstrated a capability to respond effectively to nuclear power station emergency conditions. Moreover, although the State and affected county do not intend to participate full scale, both the State and county will participate in the April 4, 1984 exercise by initial implementation of notification and communication requirements.

Based on the above, the staff has concluded that non-participation by State and local government agencies in the April 4, 1984 emergency preparedness exercise for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station will not adversely affect the overall state of emergency preparedness at the Susquehanna site and that the requested exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1.a should be granted.

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Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption requested by the licensee's letter dated January 23, 1984, as discussed above, is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. The exemption from the exercise requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, for state and local governments from participating full scale is hereby granted.

The Commission has determined that the granting of this Exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original signed by

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,
this 24th day of April 1984.

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ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

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