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Dear Mr. Osborne:

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you personally, and to your staff, for the professional support provided by the Emergency Preparedness Division during the conduct of the recent V. C. Summer Emergency Exercise which was conducted on July 18, 2001.

The Commission engages in a variety of technical exchange programs in the common interest of public health and safety, involving numerous national organizations and a variety of international countries. During this exercise, as you are fully aware, we hosted international visitors representing the countries of China and Spain, respectively, and for their benefit we had them observe exercise activities at our Headquarters Response Center, the facilities of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, Inc., as well as at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Additionally, representatives of the Commission and staff at both our Headquarters and Region II offices participated in this exercise, which I know provided an added dimension for the State to cope with during an exercise evaluated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

While I fully understand that your primary focus was to satisfactorily fulfill all of your exercise objectives and obtain a passing grade from FEMA, I commend you for your interest, participation and professional support in hosting our international visitors at your EOC, and for effectively interacting with the Commission's response team during the course of the exercise.

Thanks for your support and for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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