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Mr. Dennis L. Farrar
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Dear Mr. Farrar:

Subject: Exemption of Grundy County from Full Participation in the April 1986
Emergency Preparedness Exercise at La Salle

By letter dated January 29, 1986, you informed us that the Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (IESDA) had formally requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) exempt Grundy County from full participation in the April 1986 emergency preparedness exercise at the La Salle Station. Your staff also requested that NRC staff review this matter to determine whether an exemption from NRC exercise requirements was necessary in the event that Grundy County would not fully participate in the exercise.

Since your January 29 letter, the NRC staff has been in contact with your staff to determine to what extent Grundy County officials would participate in the La Salle exercise. FEMA has also been contacted by NRC on this matter. The FEMA correspondence dated March 17, 1986, attached, indicates that FEMA has exempted Grundy County from full exercise participation, with the understanding that county officials will participate in the exercise to a limited extent. In your letter dated March 20, 1986, the level of Grundy County exercise participation has been adequately defined for the staff to make a determination on the need for an NRC exemption regarding Grundy County's exercise participation.

The relevant NRC regulations regarding State and local government participation in licensee's emergency preparedness exercises are found in 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Paragraph IV.F.3 which states, in part, that "each licensee at each site shall exercise with offsite authorities such that the State and local government plans for each operating reactor site are exercised biennially with full or partial participation . . . partial participation by a local government during an offsite exercise for a site is acceptable only when the local government is fully participating in a biennial exercise at another site." Partial participation, as defined in the aforementioned regulations means that "appropriate offsite authorities shall actively take part in the exercise sufficient to test direction and control functions; i.e., (a) protective action decision making related to emergency action levels, and (b) communication capabilities among affected State and local authorities and the licensee."

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Grundy County last participated in a La Salle Station exercise in October 1984, and fully participated in the 1985 exercises at the Dresden and Braidwood Stations. Based on information provided in your March 20, 1986 letter, Grundy County officials will participate in the April 1986 La Salle exercise at a level that meets the definition of "partial participation," as found in 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Paragraph IV.F.3. Therefore, no specific exemption is required from the NRC regarding the level of participation of Grundy County in the April 1986 exercise at the La Salle Station.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. A. Bournia of my staff at (301) 492-8698.

Sincerely,

Elinor G. Adensam, Director
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Attachment:
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March 17, 1986

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Dear Mr. Jones:

Attached for your information and records is the written confirmation of the exemption granted to Grundy County for the upcoming LaSalle Station joint exercise. Indication of this exemption had been provided verbally to your staff in January. I apologize for the delay in providing this written response. Processing of the letter was delayed at FEMA HQ.

It is my understanding that NRC Region III has discussed their exercise requirements with CECO and that Grundy County's proposed activity during the exercise will be acceptable. If this is not the case please inform me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wallace J. Weaver", is written over the typed name.

Wallace J. Weaver, Chief
Technological Hazards Branch

Enclosure

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ATTENTION: Frank Finch
Chief
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FROM: *DM* Daniel W. Speck
Associate Director
State and Local Programs
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SUBJECT: Grundy County, Illinois Exemption from April 8, 1986,
REP Exercise for the LaSalle Nuclear Power Station

This responds to your request and recommendation that Grundy County, Illinois be granted an exemption for the April 8, 1986, REP exercise at the LaSalle Nuclear Power Station.

My staff has reviewed your memorandum including the correspondence from the State of Illinois and Grundy County and concur in your recommendation that the County's participation be limited to a communications drill, as stated. Therefore, I am granting the exemption for Grundy County as provided in 44 CFR 350.9(c)(3). The County's participation may be limited to a communications drill involving staff of the Sheriff's Department and the Grundy County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency.