



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Region I

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Stephen McGrail, Director
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
400 Worcester Rd.
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Dear Director McGrail:

This letter officially informs you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) identification of a Deficiency which occurred during the Taunton Reception Center Exercise for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant conducted on June 15, 2002. The issue was discussed with your staff following the exercise.

As a result of this exercise, one deficiency has been assessed in accordance with NUREG 0654 and FEMA-REP-14 page C.16-1. The Deficiency is assessed against the Taunton Reception Center under Evaluation Area Sub-element 6.a., Monitoring and Decontamination of Evacuees and Emergency Workers and Registration of Evacuees, Criterion 6.a.1. The Deficiency resulted from the State's failure to monitor 20% of the population designated for the Taunton Reception Center. Two of the three portal monitors necessary to monitor the 20% either did not work at all or worked only partially. Without all three portal monitors operational, the Reception Center cannot monitor the required number of evacuees.

In accordance with 44 CFR 350.9 (d) and FEMA-REP-14, we have thoroughly reviewed and discussed the issue with FEMA Headquarters, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and FEMA Region I Radiological Assistance Committee members. FEMA-REP-14, page C.16-1, 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 public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days after the exercise through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions, including plan revisions.

Please coordinate with this office the date and time of the pertinent remedial actions and identity of the State and local participants within 10 days from the date of this letter.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Dan McElhinney, Chairperson, Regional Assistance Committee, FEMA Region I, at (617) 223-9567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Craig', written in a cursive style.

Daniel A. Craig
Regional Director