



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION II  
SAM NUNN ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET SW SUITE 23T85  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8931**

December 12, 2002

Mr. Kenneth O. Burris, Jr.  
Regional Director  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Mr. Burris:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and to commend your staff for their efforts in developing and conducting the Annual Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference (REP), which was recently conducted in Charleston, South Carolina.

I also appreciate the generous amount of agenda time which you extended to the Commission, and since both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the NRC have direct regulatory responsibilities in the area of emergency preparedness and response, I believe the overall Conference was enhanced by affording the opportunity to the State and local government officials to interact, both formally and informally through side-bar meetings, with both agencies at the same meeting.

My staff has advised me that they received considerable positive feed-back from many of the State, local government officials, and utility representatives that were in attendance, and that these attendees were enthusiastic and actively participated in all of the proceedings--all of which is a genuine tribute to the efforts of your staff.

Please pass along my appreciation and thanks to Messrs. Kelkenberg, Burnside, Robertson, Reynolds, and your entire REP staff, for their professionalism and for a job well done.

We always look forward to supporting and participating in FEMA IV programs, and please don't hesitate to contact me directly if we can be of assistance in the early planning and development stages of future FEMA IV, REP Conferences.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Luis A. Reyes  
Regional Administrator

cc: (See page 2)

ccs: K. J. Kelkenberg, Director, Office of National Preparedness, FEMA IV

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

C. S. Burnside, Chief, Technological Hazards Branch, FEMA IV  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

L. A. Robertson, Co-Chair, Regional Assistance Committee  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

T. E. Reynolds, Co-Chair, Regional Assistance Committee  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

December 12, 2002

Mr. Kenneth O. Burris, Jr.  
Regional Director  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Mr. Burris:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and to commend your staff for their efforts in developing and conducting the Annual Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference (REP), which was recently conducted in Charleston, South Carolina.

I also appreciate the generous amount of agenda time which you extended to the Commission, and since both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the NRC have direct regulatory responsibilities in the area of emergency preparedness and response, I believe the overall Conference was enhanced by affording the opportunity to the State and local government officials to interact, both formally and informally through side-bar meetings, with both agencies at the same meeting.

My staff has advised me that they received considerable positive feed-back from many of the State, local government officials, and utility representatives that were in attendance, and that these attendees were enthusiastic and actively participated in all of the proceedings--all of which is a genuine tribute to the efforts of your staff.

Please pass along my appreciation and thanks to Messrs. Kelkenberg, Burnside, Robertson, Reynolds, and your entire REP staff, for their professionalism and for a job well done.

We always look forward to supporting and participating in FEMA IV programs, and please don't hesitate to contact me directly if we can be of assistance in the early planning and development stages of future FEMA IV, REP Conferences.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Luis A. Reyes  
Regional Administrator

cc: (See page 2)

ccs: K. J. Kelkenberg, Director, Office of National Preparedness, FEMA IV

K. O. Burris, Jr.

2

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

C. S. Burnside, Chief, Technological Hazards Branch, FEMA IV  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

L. A. Robertson, Co-Chair, Regional Assistance Committee  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

T. E. Reynolds, Co-Chair, Regional Assistance Committee  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

\* See previous concurrence

|                 |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| OFFICE          | RII:SLO       |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| SIGNATURE       | RTrojanowski* |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| NAME            | RTrojanowski  |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| DATE            | 12/12/2002    | 12/ /2002 | 12/ /2002 | 12/ /2002 | 12/ /2002 | 12/ /2002 | 12/ /2002 |
| E-MAIL COPY?    | YES NO        | YES NO    | YES NO    | YES NO    | YES NO    | YES NO    | YES NO    |
| PUBLIC DOCUMENT | YES NO        |           |           |           |           |           |           |

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

DOCUMENT NAME: C:\ORPCheckout\FileNET\ML023460659.wpd