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**SUBJECT: FEMA REGION IV FINAL EXERCISE REPORT FOR AUGUST 20, 2003
PARTIAL PARTICIPATION PLUME PATHWAY EXERCISE - HATCH NUCLEAR
PLANT**

Dear Mr. Sumner:

Enclosed is the subject report for the August 20, 2003, partial participation plume phase pathway exercise of the offsite radiological emergency response plans site-specific to the Hatch Nuclear Plant. All objectives of the exercise were demonstrated with no Deficiencies identified. However; there were two Areas Requiring Corrective Action (ARCA) identified. The first ARCA was identified during the second media briefing when conflicting information was announced concerning the initial protective action decision. This ACRA was corrected during the third media briefing when correct information was provided. The second ARCA, concerning the monitoring of emergency workers and equipment in Jeff Davis county, was identified during the out of sequence demonstration for this exercise and was also corrected on the spot. No outstanding issues remain.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (404) 562-4638.

Sincerely,

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