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In order to facilitate a complete and fair review, the NRC is working with FEMA to provide a coordinated response to the individual concerns of your constituent. When our review with FEMA is complete, we will forward you a copy of our response to your constituent.

The NRC considers public involvement in our activities to be a cornerstone of strong, fair regulation of the nuclear industry. I can assure you that the NRC continues to focus on its primary mission, protection of public health and safety. We at the NRC appreciate and share your interest in protecting the citizens who live in communities surrounding the nuclear power plants located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

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