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Subject: Emergency Preparedness Exercise

As you are aware, the revised emergency planning rule published August 19, 1980, requires that emergency preparedness be upgraded and maintained at and around nuclear power plants. Part of the maintenance process is a requirement for periodic exercises, some of which must have offsite participation. In addition, a full-scale exercise must also be conducted before any new license can be granted. The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will provide observers for the onsite aspects of these exercises and will review the proposed scenarios.

Although we originally believed that four weeks prior to an exercise would be sufficient for review of the scenario for 1) adequacy in terms of scope (testing of major areas of response); and 2) in terms of adequacy of response for major portions of offsite plans; we now recognize that that amount of time is not adequate to ensure proper review and coordination with all the participants' control organizations. Therefore, we request the following be implemented.

Period in Advance of Exercise	Information to Be Submitted
75 days	Description of scope of exercise and objectives to be fulfilled
45 days	Detailed description of exercise scenario and anticipated licensee actions.
20 days	Complete controller/prompter packages which contain the information to be supplied to the observers for the exercise along with that supplied to the exercise players as the scenario is unfolded.

For exercises which include participation of offsite authorities, the information described above should be coordinated with appropriate State and local governmental agencies prior to submission to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The availability of this information on this schedule should allow sufficient time for you to communicate with all participating agencies and coordinate efforts on the upcoming exercise. This should result in the maximum number of objectives being attained by all participating parties. Appropriate State and local agencies should also be informed well in advance of major planned onsite exercises to facilitate scheduling of any coincident offsite participation they may deem desirable.

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As previously noted in our letter of November 17, 1981, it is important that the exercise scenarios be handled on a "need-to-know" basis, such that "players" do not have access to the scenario to be used. This restriction should apply to all participating organizations and agencies.

The information should be mailed to the Regional Administrator, Attention: J. Philip Stohr, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region II, at the letterhead address. A copy of the first two items only should be sent to Brian K. Grimes, Director, Division of Emergency Preparedness, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555. For those licensees already within the 75 or 45 day period prior to the exercise, please contact this office as soon as possible with a schedule for submission of the above information.

This request for information has been approved under OMB Clearance No. 0150-0011, which expires April 30, 1982.

FOR THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

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