

November 21, 2008

Mr. Larry Meyer  
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SUBJECT: NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE POINT BEACH DECEMBER 2008 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE (PLUME PHASE AND INGESTION PATHWAY)

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) routinely participates in licensees' emergency preparedness exercises to ensure that the NRC's Incident Response capabilities are effectively maintained and to provide licensees an opportunity to exercise the interface with the NRC that may occur during the response to an incident at their sites. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a change to our level of participation in the Point Beach Exercise which is scheduled to occur on December 9 and 10, 2008. We plan to participate in both the plume and ingestion pathway phases of the exercise. Our decision to expand our level of participation was based on the decision of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Chicago Office, to have an expanded level of participation in the exercise. The NRC decided to take this opportunity to exercise with another federal family member to ensure proper interface, integration, and effectiveness of the federal response in exercises and events.

Our involvement will now include a limited base team at our Regional Incident Response Center, regional staff members at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and our assigned Point Beach resident inspectors on day 1 of the exercise, December 9, 2008. Our level of participation on day 2 of the exercise, December 10, 2008, will remain the same as noted in our letter to you dated February 27, 2008; regional staff members will participate at the State EOC. The regional Emergency Response Coordinator maintained an ongoing dialogue with the Emergency Preparedness Manager regarding the change of the NRC's level of participation in the exercise.

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If you have any questions concerning our participation, please contact Desiree Smith at (630) 829-9853, or myself at (630) 829-9827.

Sincerely,

/RA by W. J. Slawinski Acting For/

Steven Orth, Branch Chief  
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301  
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27

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