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Mr. Christopher Miller Deputy Director of Emergency Preparedness Division of Preparedness and Response Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Re: FEMA Alignment on Proposed Enhancements to NRC Emergency Preparedness Regulations

Dear Mr. Miller:

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The FEMA Technological Hazards Division, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch, is in receipt of the October 17, 2008 version of the proposed rule NRC-2008-0122: "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations". FEMA has reviewed the proposed rule and is in agreement with the proposed rule language, and specifically the amendments to 10 CFR Part 50. Furthermore, FEMA considers ourselves aligned with NRC staff as they submit the rule to the Commission for approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and please consider this an affirmation of FEMA's ongoing support for the subject rulemaking effort.

Sincerely,

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