

Docket File

Docket No. 50-438/439

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Department of Public Health
State of Alabama
ATTN: Mr. Aubrey V. Godwin,
Director
Division of Radiological Health
State Office Building
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Godwin:

Your letter of April 22 requested our evaluation of the accident potential for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant as it relates to a basis for emergency plans to cope with potential off-site effects. Your request appears to refer to one of the provisions of a recent intra-NRC agreement between our Office and the Office of State Programs. Our implementation of this provision has been envisioned as a relatively long-term program which cannot get underway until we have the benefit of the recommendations of a joint NRC/EPA Task Force formed last year to attempt to reconcile perceived differences or ambiguities in Federal guidance activities relating to your question. I understand you are aware of the existence of this Task Force.

In the meantime, we suggest that you continue to use the information provided in the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for each nuclear plant, with particular reference to the accident analysis section, as a basis for your emergency plans. A copy of the SER for the Bellefonte plant which was issued during the construction permit phase is enclosed. A new SER will, of course, be issued at the conclusion of the staff's review of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for this plant.

During our review of the applicant's plans for coping with emergencies at the Bellefonte plant, we expect to consult with our Office of State Programs relative to the emergency response capabilities in the State of Alabama. At that time it may be desirable for us to meet with you to discuss some of the details.

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Thank you for your inquiry and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
R. Wayne Houston

R. Wayne Houston, Chief
Emergency Planning Branch
Division of Project Management

Enclosure:
Safety Evaluation Report -
Bellefonte Nuclear Plant

cc: Robert G. Ryan
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April 22, 1977

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STATE HEALTH OFFICER

Mr. R.W. Houston, Chief
Emergency Planning Branch
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Houston:

This Agency has been requested to serve as the lead Agency in the Development of a Radiation Emergency Plan for the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-438, 439. In order to develop this plan on a timely basis so as not to delay the operating license, we need your evaluation of the accident potential for this site by June 1, 1977. We assume this assessment will address what accidents have sufficient probability of occurrence to require a detailed emergency plan as well as the estimated off-site effects.

This Agency will be happy to meet with members of your staff to discuss details of this matter. Once the assessment is finalized, it may be appropriate for members of your staff to also join us in a meeting with local officials.

Further, we would like to meet with your staff to determine if the current assessment used as an emergency planning basis for the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-259, 260, and 296 and the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Docket Nos. 50-348, 364 are appropriate. While the review for these plants is not on the same critical time frame, we would like to complete it before the end of the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aubrey V. Godwin".

Aubrey V. Godwin, Director
Division of Radiological Health

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cc: Marcus Rowden

R.G. Ryan

Ernie Belvin