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Ron McCabe, RAC Chairman/Chief  
Technological Branch, Preparedness Division  
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RE: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2011  
FORT CALHOUN NUCLEAR STATION EVALUATED EXERCISE

Dear Mr. McCabe,

The Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station (FCNS) is requesting a one-time deferral from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the 2011 Emergency Response Exercise which, includes the FEMA evaluation of Offsite Response Organizations, to sometime in the year 2012 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12. This deferral is necessary due to the unprecedented existing and projected flooding conditions of the Missouri River. The impact of response and recovery actions from plant personnel, as well as for offsite state, local, and federal government agencies has been significant. Participation in the FCNS biennial emergency preparedness exercise will hinder the response, recovery, and other continuing activities associated with the Missouri River flooding.

Flooding conditions have had a major impact on the emergency management agencies in Nebraska and Iowa and their local communities. Continued support of these ongoing efforts by the affected offsite state, local and federal government agencies is in the best interest of public safety and allows these government agencies to fully focus on the flood conditions without any unnecessary distractions.

For this reason, the State of Nebraska supports Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station in their decision to ask the NRC to postpone the graded exercise until the year 2012.

If you have any questions pertaining to this request, please contact Mr. Jonathan F. Schwarz, Supervisor, Technical Hazards Section. Mr. Schwarz can be reached at his

office telephone number 402-471-7420, cellular telephone number 402-570-7982 or via email at [jon.schwarz@nebraska.gov](mailto:jon.schwarz@nebraska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Berndt', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Al Berndt  
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Bill Maier, NRC State Liaison  
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