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Mr. Rob Lewis  
Director, Division of Preparedness and Response  
Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Statement of Continuation of Reasonable Assurance for Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On June 6, 2011, severe flooding occurred on the Missouri River near the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station. The reactor was already shut down, due to scheduled maintenance, and has continued to stay shut down while the NRC conducted reviews and inspections.

FEMA Region VII conducted several post-event assessments. On August 22, 2011, the State of Nebraska, along with representatives for Washington County, conducted an offsite assessment and reported the findings to FEMA. Based on the slowly progressing nature of this long-term flooding event, and the close tracking of conditions, FEMA was able to maintain on-going situational awareness to verify there were no changes to the initial assessment. Communication equipment was demonstrated by Offsite Response Organizations in five Emergency Plan Tests conducted prior to September 28, 2011. Four sirens are non-functioning at this time. In all areas with siren outages, the respective counties are prepared to conduct route alerting. There were no areas of concern with the offsite during this time frame.

FEMA concludes that offsite radiological emergency preparedness remains adequate to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station. Therefore, we have no concerns with regards to full-power operation.

If there should be any questions, please contact Vanessa Quinn, Branch Chief, and Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program at 703-605-1535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Mitchell".

Andrew Mitchell  
Director  
Technological Hazards Division

cc: V. Quinn, FEMA Headquarters  
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