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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington DC 20555-0001

Statement of Continuation of Reasonable Assurance for Waterford 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
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Dear Mr. Williams:

**Background:**

On August 29, 2012, Hurricane Isaac affected Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station. At 1656, on August 28, 2012, Waterford 3 conducted a forced shutdown, prior to landfall due to projected hurricane force winds. St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish are the two risk parishes for Waterford 3 and were affected by the hurricane.

On Saturday, September 1, 2012, FEMA Region VI, REP Program conducted reviews for Post Disaster Assessment of Off-Site Capabilities. The review team was comprised of the Louisiana Department of Environment Quality (LDEQ), Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), Lisa Hammond, Linda Gee, Elsa Lopez, Timothy Pflieger, and Brad DeKorte from the Region VI REP Program.

**Assessment:**

1. Emergency Response Facilities

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- No issues identified

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- No issues identified

St. John the Baptist Parish

- No issues identified

2. Communications

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- No issues identified

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- No issues identified

St. John the Baptist

- No issues identified

3. Emergency Response Organizations

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- No issues identified

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- No issues identified

St. John the Baptist

- No issues identified

4. Public Alert and Notification

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- No issues identified

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- Five sirens on primary power, all other sirens on battery backup. All sirens can function up to two weeks without AC power.

St. John the Baptist

- All sirens are on battery back-up. Two sirens are inaccessible due to flooding. All sirens can function up to two weeks without AC power.

5. Special Needs and Transportation Resources

Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- No issues identified

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- No issues identified

St. John the Baptist

- No issues identified

6. Evacuation Routes

Not all evacuation routes in the EPZ are open or accessible. However roadway diversions were identified and a new evacuation time estimate was provided to the REP review team. The roadway diversions will also be provided to St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish. The diversion routes identified are:

- Route 1 – US 61 to LA 3213 to LA 3127 to LA 70, cross the Sunshine Bridge back to access I-10
- Route 2 – US 61 to LA 3213 to LA 44 (River Road) to I-10
- Route 3 – LA 44 from LaPlace to I-10
- Route 4 – US 61 to LA 3213, cross Gramercy Bridge to LA 3127 to LA 70 to LA 1 along the west bank to access Baton Rouge via the bridge near Port Allen
- Route 5 – US 61 to LA 3213, cross Gramercy Bridge to LA 18 to LA 1 along the west bank to access Baton Rouge via the bridge near Port Allen

7. Accident Assessment

Adequate staff is in place to conduct accident assessment if necessary.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

- No issues identified

St. Charles Parish

- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is available to access flooded areas if necessary.

St. John the Baptist

- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is available to access flooded areas if necessary.

8. Support Services

St. Charles Parish

- One reception center (Hammond High School) is not available for support. Three alternate locations (Pontchartrain Center, Central Lafourche High School, and Alario Center) identified in the plan are available to provide support with trained staff and adequate resources. No issues identified with the designated emergency worker decontamination centers.
- The LaFourche and Kenner Fire Departments are available to support an emergency worker decontamination centers.

St. John the Baptist Parish

- One reception center (Hammond High School) is not available for support. Three alternate locations (Pontchartrain Center, Central Lafourche High School, and Alario Center) identified in the plan are available to provide support with trained staff and adequate resources. No issues identified with the designated emergency worker decontamination centers.
- The Paulina Grand Point Fire Department is available to support an emergency worker decontamination center.

9. Catastrophic Impact

The impact of Hurricane Isaac with respect to Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station was not catastrophic.

10. Supporting Documentation

All supporting documentation gathered by the Review Team will be on file at FEMA Region VI.

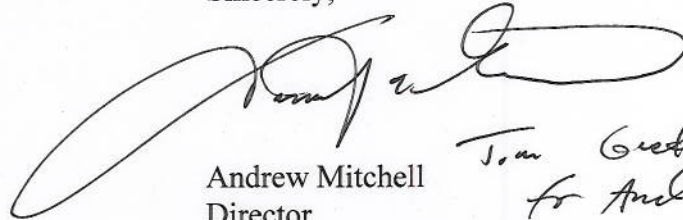
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**Conclusions:**

Based on the results of the review, it has been determined that the REP plans for Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station can be implemented to protect the health and safety of the general public. Therefore, 44 CFR Part 350 approval of the offsite radiological emergency response plans and preparedness for the State of Louisiana, specific to Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station, will remain in effect.

If there should be any questions, please contact Mr. Albert Coons, Section Chief, Reasonable Assurance, at 202-212-2318.

Sincerely,



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