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March 4, 2014

Ms. Vanessa Quinn Chief of the Radiological Preparedness Program, FEMA 1800 S. Bell Street Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Chief Quinn,

This is regarding the August 13, 2013 Remedial Drill to correct one Deficiency issue that was assessed at the full-scale federally evaluated radiological emergency preparedness and response exercise held for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Generating Station on June 19, 2013. As you know, FEMA defines a Deficiency as "... an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that offsite emergency preparedness is not adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate protective measures can be taken in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant," as per 44 CFR 353, App. A. The issues consisted of a number of inconsistencies in the public information messages, both Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages and News Releases, occurred, which could have caused confusion to the public regarding the Protective Action Decisions. Some examples were (1) the initial messages to the public did not contain information about the prior Precautionary Actions taken to clear the waterways, parks and recreations areas, and (2) the Emergency Response Planning Areas (ERPAs) that were directed to evacuate and take Potassium Iodide (KI) were not the same in all of the messages.

We are pleased to notify you that the 9-person evaluation team, stationed at the New York State EOC, Joint Information Center, Oswego County Emergency Operations Center, and Oswego County Accident Assessment, reported that the drill went well and all issues are cleared. Included during the 3-hour demonstration was, re-demonstration at Oswego County EOC of Direction and Control (Criterion 1.c.1) and Emergency Information and Instructions for the Public and Media (5.b.l), as well as the Joint Information Center, Emergency Information and Instructions for the Public and Media (5.b.l).

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Questions on this matter can be addressed to me at 212-680-5806, Mabel Santiago at 212-680.3650 or Pat Mason at 212-680-3660.

Sincerely yours,

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