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 Insp Rept 50-261/94-11. Corrective action: proper use of
 STARSHIP included in licensed operator requalification.

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Gentlemen:

This provides the Carolina Power & Light Company reply to the Exercise Weakness identified in NRC Inspection Report 50-261/94-11, which was transmitted by letter dated April 8, 1994. This weakness involves the failure to provide timely information to the State and Local Response Organizations following an emergency classification during the 1993 Annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise. This exercise had been previously deferred from 1993 and was conducted on March 30, 1994.

As requested in the Inspection Report, the enclosure provides our reply.

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REPLY TO EXERCISE WEAKNESS

Inspector Followup Item 50-261/94-11-01:

Exercise weakness for failure to provide timely information to the State and Local Response Organizations following an emergency classification.

Reply

This Exercise Weakness was caused by the Emergency Communicator in the Control Room taking excessive time to complete the ALERT Notification message, and failure of the Emergency Communicator in the Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) to provide the radiological data for the General Emergency notification to the State and local response organizations.

As part of the emergency drill scenario, the on-shift Emergency Communicators in the Control Room were required to respond to a fire condition, leaving an operations staff member to make the required notifications. This person, who had only limited experience as an Emergency Communicator, expended excessive time completing the Meteorological Data information of the Emergency Notification Form using the electronic notification system (i.e., STARSHIP). He was not aware that meteorological information is not required to be provided with the initial message, and that it could be provided as a followup communication. As corrective action for this specific concern, proper use of STARSHIP System operation has been included in Licensed Operator Requalification (LOR). The circumstances surrounding the untimely notification will also be reviewed during LOR.

During the exercise General Emergency, the EOF Emergency Communicator was not aware that dose projection information was available, and transmitted the initial General Emergency message from the EOF without this required data. The required information was to be immediately communicated via a followup message. Although the dose projection information was available to the EOF Emergency Communicator, communications problems between this person and the Radiation Control Manager resulted in the continued delay of transmitting the dose projection information.

The involved Emergency Communicator and the Radiation Control Manager reviewed the circumstances surrounding this event. As a result of this review, interim methodologies have been implemented to enhance communication of dose projection information to the EOF Emergency Communicator. These interim methodologies include utilizing a specific "in-basket" for dose projections and creating an Emergency Communicator status board which will contain the latest dose projection information. These corrective actions will remain in place until the dose projection computer program enhancements are completed to automatically update the STARSHIP computer system with this information.

The corrective actions described above will be completed and demonstrated during the Emergency Drill, scheduled for August 16, 1994.