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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
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Subject: Emergency Response - NRC Region II
Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-369, -370
Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-413, -414

Dear Sir:

As a follow-up to the emergency preparedness exercise conducted on March 10-11 of this year, it is apparent that greater coordination is necessary between our emergency organizations in several areas. The first area concerns how the NRC's Site Team will be briefed on the situation when the members arrive at the station. When the Site Team arrives, they should enter the Administration Building. They will be met by the Emergency Coordinator or designee in the lobby and will be taken to an adjacent conference room for a short briefing and site specific program on the situation at hand. This briefing outside the Technical Support Center (TSC) will answer many of their questions, thus minimizing the impact on our organization.

The second concern discovered in the exercise is access for Region II personnel in an exercise or actual emergency. In the Oconee exercise we used escorts to provide access for your staff. In an actual emergency this would not be desirable due to ALARA concerns and due to the fact that this is counter to our attempts to remove non-essential personnel in those types of situations. In the future we plan to provide a short site program (15-30 minutes) during the briefing described above. This briefing in conjunction with the Site Team's existing security clearances and Health Physics training background at other Region II facilities would qualify them for unescorted access. Your Site Team should be prepared to bring evidence of their security clearance and recent Health Physics training with them to facilitate access in an emergency.

A final problem identified in the exercise concerned manning of the "Red Phone" (E.N.S.) in an emergency. In the exercise, the station's Licensing Engineer kept the line open with the Region throughout the event, even after the Site Team's arrival. This individual's expertise could have been used much more effectively in other areas of the TSC rather than serving as a "go-between" for your Site Team and Base Team. In the future we plan to use a part of the TSC communicator staff to answer the Red Phone and provide updates to the Base Team until the Site Team

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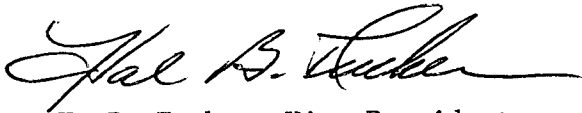
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arrives. Upon arrival of the Site Team we feel it is then their function to serve as liaison with the Base Team and to provide them updates as needed.

If you have any questions or feel further discussion is warranted, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. B. Tucker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

H. B. Tucker, Vice President
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