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Ms. Annie Poloney
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Dear Ms. Poloney:

In your recent letter you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) investigate the necessity of the Susquehanna Plant near Berwick, Pennsylvania. Need for power is reviewed by the NRC and the results have been published in the Draft Environmental Statement (DES) (NUREG-0564). Comments on need for power in the DES will be addressed in the Final Environmental Statement scheduled to be published in the first quarter of 1981. The results of the study to date show that the Susquehanna plant will provide a reserve margin in generated electricity which is desirable for the Pennsylvania Power and Light System.

The electricity generated by the Susquehanna plant will supply the east central Pennsylvania region including the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Williamsport. In addition, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company is a signee to the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland (PJM) inter-connection agreement. The PJM consists of eleven electric companies which operate their transmission and generation facilities as a single system.

You also discussed your desire for a revised evacuation plan. NUREG-0654 Revision 1 published in November 1980 (copy enclosed) describes the revised role of state and local emergency preparedness and emergency management. NUREG-0654 provides guidance and establishes the acceptance criteria which must be met before the Susquehanna plant is granted an operating license.

Sincerely,

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