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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. L. O. DelGeorge
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Dear Mr. DelGeorge:

We have received the enclosed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) correspondence dated October 1, 1993, transmitting the findings for the offsite emergency preparedness aspects of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station's exercise conducted on September 22, 1993. FEMA identified two deficiencies in the performances of offsite agencies during the exercise. One deficiency pertains to Kendall County exceeding by six minutes the fifteen minute time limit in FEMA guidance for the first alert and notification sequence. The other deficiency pertains to Grundy County not adequately demonstrating direction and control in the emergency operation center during the exercise.

We fully recognize that any corrective actions to be implemented may involve parties and political institutions which are not under your direct control. Nonetheless, we would expect that you would provide assistance for offsite preparedness issues identified in the area around the Dresden Nuclear Power Station.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed FEMA report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original signed by J. W. McCormick-Barger

Cynthia D. Pederson, Chief
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Enclosure: As Stated

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October 1, 1993

Mr. John Plunk
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Dear Mr. Plunk:

Two deficiencies were identified during the September 22, 1993 Dresden Partial Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise. These issues were described during the September 24, 1993 Participant Briefing and have been coordinated with both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Headquarters and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters.

FEMA-REP-14 states that a "Deficiency is defined 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 assurances 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." The two deficiencies are described below.

1. Kendall County: Objective 10, NUREG Reference E.6.

The first Alert and Notification sequence for the public took 21 minutes. According to FEMA guidance, the first alert and notification sequence to alert and notify the public can not exceed 15 minutes.

2. Grundy County: Objective 3, NUREG Reference A.1.d, 2.a.

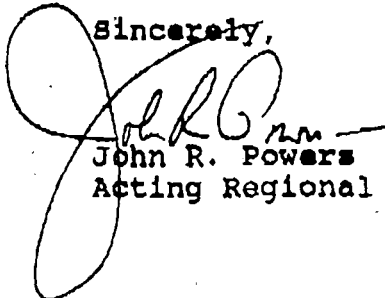
Grundy County did not adequately demonstrate Direction and Control in the emergency operations center (EOC) during the exercise. The Coordinator failed to provide sufficient instructions and briefings to the EOC staff to keep them aware of ongoing emergency operations. In addition, the EOC staff did not provide updates of their ongoing activities. This failure of leadership also resulted in an excessive delay in alerting and notifying the public with the second Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) message. The second alert and notification sequence for Grundy County took 37 minutes.

This was at a time when the State had issued an evacuation and shelter protective action recommendation for the public. The time taken to inform the public during this critical period was not timely to protect the public health and safety.

Program guidance requires that a written "Schedule of Corrective Actions" be submitted to my office no later than 30 days from the date of this letter. This "Schedule of Corrective Actions" must adequately explain what corrective actions are being taken to correct these Deficiencies and the date the corrective actions will be completed. It is further required that a remedial drill, evaluated by Region V for the above Deficiencies, be scheduled and completed within 120 days of the date of the exercise. This remedial drill schedule should provide enough time to correct the above Deficiencies prior to the submittal of a final report to the NRC Headquarters.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Danny B. Bement, Chief, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Section, if you should have any questions, or if there is anything further that we can do to help adequately resolve these Deficiencies. Mr. Bement's telephone number is (312) 408-5523.

Sincerely,



John R. Powers
Acting Regional Director

cc: FEMA HQ