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SUBJECT: FEMA OBSERVATIONS AT THE JUNE 11, 1997
FULL PARTICIPATION EXERCISE

Dear Ms. Canton:

Thank you for your August 11, 1997 letter relaying your staff's observations of the licensee's field monitoring teams (FMTs) during the recent Ginna full participation exposure pathway exercise on June 11, 1997.

As you know, the NRC does not directly evaluate FMTs. The NRC exercise evaluation teams typically consist of a team leader and several members with each being assigned to an emergency response facility or to the area of dose assessment. The general performance of FMTs is assessed in conjunction with the overall dose assessment evaluation. Typically, FMTs are assessed post-exercise via review of data reports or logs and by attending and evaluating information provided by the licensee during their critique. During the June 12, 1997 critique for the Ginna exercise, we noted that the observations stated in your letter had already been identified by the licensee's FMT controllers.

During the September 8, 1997 emergency preparedness (EP) program inspection, conducted by Mr. D. Silk of our office, it was determined that the licensee had tracked and implemented corrective actions for the FMT issues. Corrective actions included training of personnel, procedure revisions, and utilization of new equipment. The licensee's tracking system enables issues to be trended such that if FMT issues arise again, further corrective actions can be taken.

Thank you again for your observations regarding this matter. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this or other issues, please contact Mr. D. Silk at (610) 337-5372.

Sincerely,

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