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Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen, Manager  
Regulatory Programs

By memorandum dated March 18, 1991, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) transmitted the results of its observations of the offsite activities during the WNP-2 emergency preparedness exercise on September 11, 1990. FEMA stated that it identified three (3) exercise deficiencies and eighteen (18) areas requiring corrective action (ARCA) during the exercise. FEMA also stated, "Pending the outcome of the scheduled remedial drill and other pending remedial actions, FEMA is unable to find that the offsite radiological emergency response plans and preparedness for the WNP-2 Nuclear Power Plant are adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate measures can be taken offsite to protect the public's health and safety in the event of a radiological emergency at the site." FEMA stated that they will inform the NRC of FEMA's findings following the scheduled remedial drill and other remedial actions.

In subsequent discussions between FEMA and NRC Headquarters staffs, FEMA clarified their position on the finding of reasonable assurance. Notwithstanding the language in the March 18, 1991, memorandum, FEMA was not formally withdrawing approval of the emergency plans for WNP-2 issued under 44 CFR 350, because corrective actions are being scheduled and implemented. Copies of the March 18, 1991, FEMA memorandum and report are enclosed.

Even though FEMA did not withdraw their finding of reasonable assurance, we consider this a very serious matter. We would expect WNP-2 to assist the State and local governments in correcting deficiencies in offsite preparedness. Therefore, within 30 days of the date of this letter, please provide us a written response describing actions to be taken to improve offsite preparedness and any impediments that might delay these corrective actions.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated

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