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Dear Mr. Reyes:

Enclosed is a copy of the final exercise report for the October 7-8, 1997, full participation plume exposure pathway exercise of the offsite radiological emergency response plan site-specific to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. This report addresses the evaluation of the plans and preparedness for the State of North Carolina and the counties within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone. The State of North Carolina, the Risk Counties of Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Wake, and the Host Counties of Alamance and Randolph participated in the exercise. The final exercise report was prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV staff. Copies of this report will be forwarded to the State of North Carolina, FEMA Headquarters and NRC Headquarters by my staff.

There were no Deficiencies identified during the exercise. Three Areas Requiring Corrective Action (ARCA) which were identified during the 1995 exercise remain unresolved and three additional ARCAs were identified during this exercise. Region IV staff will coordinate with the State of North Carolina to correct the ARCAs on or before the next biennial exercise.

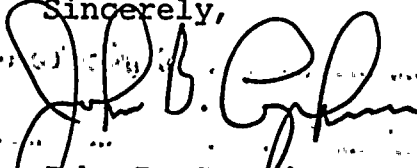
Based on the results of the October 7-8, 1997 exercise, the off-site radiological emergency response plans and preparedness for the State of North Carolina and the affected local jurisdictions site-specific to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant can be implemented and are adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate measures can be taken off-site to protect the health and

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safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency at the site. The Title 44 CFR, Part 350, approval of the off-site radiological emergency response plans and preparedness for the State of North Carolina site-specific to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, granted on April 29, 1989, will remain in effect.

Should you have questions, please contact Robert E. Perdue at 770-220-5464.

Sincerely,



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