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Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Anderson, Joseph
Cc: Hart, Hampton; Hobbs, Terry; Quinn, Vanessa; Harris III, Timothy; DeFelice, Anthony; Colman, Steve
Subject: [External_Sender] RE: Reasonable Assurance for Pilgrim Station
Attachments: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Importance: High

Good Morning Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of Acting THD Director Hart, Acting THD Deputy Director Hobbs and REP Branch Chief Quinn, please accept this correspondence below and attached from FEMA Region I to NRC Region I as FEMA's confirmation of maintained offsite Reasonable Assurance that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the local jurisdictions surrounding the Pilgrim Station have adequate capability to implement their REP plans to ensure the health and safety of the public in the aftermath of the Nor'Easter that impacted the area on March 1-2, 2018.

For clarity, the communications between the Commonwealth and FEMA related to the assessment of offsite preparedness were rapid and thorough and did not warrant the conduct of either a formal Preliminary Capability Assessment (PCA) or Disaster Initiated Review (DIR).

Please pass this information to your Leadership and feel free to contact us with any follow up questions or if more information is desired.

Regards,

Craig J. Fiore

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Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 8:29 AM

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Subject: Reasonable Assurance for Pilgrim Station

Regional Administrator Lew,

I am writing to inform you that FEMA Region 1 is satisfied that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the five Emergency Planning Zone Towns can implement their REP Plans and that the health and safety of the public is protected. On March 2 at 11:04PM, Paul Ford, Acting FEMA Region 1 Director received a message from Kurt Schwartz, Director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) that expressed concern that Pilgrim EPZ Towns could not execute evacuations as a result of the significant storm. Shortly thereafter, FEMA spoke with Director Swartz and it was agreed that MEMA staff would collect additional information from EPZ Towns and that a conference call would be conducted on Saturday morning, March 3. FEMA Region 1 notified FEMA Headquarters and NRC Region 1 of the concerns identified by Director Swartz around 11PM, March 2.

On March 3 at 10:30AM, a conference call was conducted with MEMA, FEMA (Region 1 and HQs), NRC (Region 1 and HQs) and Pilgrim Station. On this call MEMA reported that after discussions with EPZ Towns, MEMA no longer had concerns about evacuation or the ability of Towns to implement their REP Plans. This email is in response to NRC headquarters' request that FEMA document our conclusion that offsite emergency preparedness issues at Pilgrim Station have been addressed and that FEMA agrees with the assessment provided by MEMA. On March 4 at 3:40PM, FEMA received a message from Director Swartz that indicated that the five EPZ communities could implement their REP plans.

Attached to this email are 1) Director Swartz's 11:04PM, March 2, email to Paul Ford and 2) Director Swartz's 3:40PM, March 4, email to Paul Ford.

Please express our thanks to Doug Tiffit for his support during a very challenging weekend.

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From: Schwartz, Kurt <kurt.schwartz@massmail.state.ma.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 3:40 PM
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Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Paul and Steve,

I am following up on our telephone call yesterday morning to confirm that the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has contacted the five Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) communities for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to obtain an update on the status of their road conditions, and all EPZ communities report that they can implement their radiological emergency response plans.

I appreciate the quick response when I flagged this issue last Friday night.

Sincerely,

Kurt

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