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The Honorable William J. Hughes  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hughes:

We are pleased to respond to the concerns of Ms. Lori Olson which you transmitted with your letter of March 20, 1981.

We at NRC share Ms. Olson's concerns regarding an informed and educated public regarding nuclear power and their response in the event of a serious emergency around a nuclear power plant. As a result of recent changes to our rules on emergency preparedness, we are now requiring specific measures on the part of our licensees, as well as State and local governments, to provide such information to the public as part of the emergency planning process and throughout the operating lifetime of the nuclear power plant.

In the case of the Salem nuclear power facility, the Public Service Electric and Gas Company is establishing a program for information on nuclear power and specific protective response measures for the resident and transient population within 10 miles of the plant. Their general program will include topics on nuclear energy, radiation, and emergency planning. The protective response program will include the response options such as sheltering and evacuation, evacuation methods, routes and relocation centers, and the means of alerting and notifying the public in the event of a serious emergency. This information will be disseminated to the public annually in the form of bill inserts, pamphlets, advertisements in locally distributed newspapers or telephone books, placards, and postings at recreation facilities as appropriate.

Additional information is also available to the public at the visitors center located adjacent to the Salem power plant. This multimedia facility provides general information in the form of displays and pamphlets.

We appreciate having this opportunity to respond to the concerns of Ms. Olson and hope that this information will be of value to her.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

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