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Docket No. 50-354

Mr. R. L. Mittl, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Mittl:

SUBJECT: 1985 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES AT HOPE CREEK

This responds to your letter of March 8, 1985, in which you described your plans for conducting emergency preparedness exercises at the Hope Creek Generating Station during 1985 and requested confirmation that the 1985 activities fully meet the emergency preparedness exercise requirements of both NRC and FEMA. This response has been coordinated with FEMA and NRC Region I.

We have reviewed your 1985 plans for conducting exercises at Salem and Hope Creek and find that the conduct of the exercises as described in your letter of March 8, 1985 meets NRC and FEMA exercise frequency requirements for 1985. Further, we agree with your proposal to treat the two facilities as one site for emergency preparedness purposes. Please be advised that if you intend to conduct one annual exercise for both the Salem/Hope Creek sites in the future, it will be necessary to develop a common Salem and Hope Creek emergency plan for the site complex. This plan will then meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Part IV.F.2. It is our understanding that you propose to establish one site emergency plan following the issuance of the operating license for Hope Creek, currently scheduled for January 1986. The Salem/Hope Creek "Site Complex Plan" shall address all commitments currently made for both sites and describe overall corporate emergency planning.

With regard to Hope Creek licensing requirements, deficiencies that would lead to a negative finding identified by FEMA in previous offsite emergency preparedness exercises at Salem must be corrected and satisfactorily demonstrated prior to operation of the Hope Creek facility above 5% of rated power. In addition, the offsite radiological emergency plans scheduled for submission in April 1985 must be reviewed by FEMA Region 2 and the Regional Assistance Committee; a favorable FEMA finding on plans and preparedness is a prerequisite for operation of Hope Creek above 5% of rated power.

Your letter indicated that FEMA would not be observing the 1985 exercise involving participation by the State of New Jersey. For your information, FEMA has advised us that FEMA Region 2 would conduct full observation of New Jersey participation in the Salem/Hope Creek exercise scheduled for the Fall of 1985 if FEMA's ongoing evaluations result in a negative finding that is based on their observation of the April 1985 remedial exercise or is prompted by planning deficiencies which require an exercise to demonstrate correction.

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We trust this letter is responsive to your needs. If you have any questions, please contact the Licensing Project Manager, David Wagner at (301) 492-8525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Schwencer".

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