



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Honorable John Engler
Governor of Michigan
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Engler:

On September 30, 1998, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) officially notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the NRC has granted an exemption to the Consumers Energy Company (CECo) from certain provisions of 10 CFR Part 50.54(q) concerning offsite emergency response planning. Specifically, this exemption allows CECo to discontinue offsite emergency planning activities and no longer requires FEMA to review, monitor, and report activities associated with offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness for the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant (NP).

The NRC exemption documentation also states that "the staff finds that the postulated dose to the general public from any reasonably conceivable accident would not exceed Environmental Protection Agency Protection Action Guides and, for the bounding accident, the length of time available gives confidence that offsite measures for the public could be taken without preplanning". As stated by the NRC, emergency planning and preparedness can be limited to onsite activities, simple notification to offsite authorities, and training of offsite personnel who may need to respond onsite (e.g., police, fire and ambulance personnel).

This letter serves to officially notify the State of Michigan that as a result of this exemption, the defueled condition of the plant, and that the plant is currently in the process of being decommissioned, offsite plans and preparedness will no longer be required for the Big Rock Point NP and that, effective immediately, FEMA will discontinue all offsite emergency planning and preparedness activities for the site.

Finally, FEMA would like to take this opportunity to commend the staff from the Emergency Management Division at the Michigan Department of State Police; the Michigan Departments of: Environmental Quality; Transportation; Natural Resources; Agriculture; Military Affairs; Community Health; the Family Independence Agency; the Charlevoix and Emmet Counties; and CECo for their dedicated participation in the offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities for the Big Rock Point NP over the past 15 years.

Should you have any question, please call Mr. Woodie Curtis, Regional Assistance Committee Chairman, FEMA Region V, at (312) 408-5528, or Ms. Kay C. Goss, CEM®, Associate Director, Preparedness, Training, and Exercises Directorate, at (202) 646-3487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay C. Goss". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kay C. Goss, CEM®
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