

KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
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PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON 98366

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Mr. Robert G. Ryan, Chairman
Federal Inter Agency Central Coordinating Committee
Radiological Emergency Response Preparedness
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The following comments concerning NUREG-0553 Beyond Defense in Depth (cost study) by Dr. Stephen N. Solomon dated March 20, 1979 are hereby submitted:

For background information Kitsap County Washington is an important Center of and is supported by employment at several Department of Defense establishments to include Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Underseas Weapons Facility, Naval Fuel Depot and The Trident Submarine Base Bangor. These Federal establishments account for the vast majority of payroll dollars in Kitsap County but do not contribute to local revenue in the form of taxes. Small payments for schools in lieu of taxes in no way compensate for loss of revenue.

The Kitsap County Department of Emergency Services representing the County and also four incorporated cities is the lead Agency in Planning for and Coordinating activities to mitigate the effects of all disasters whether natural or war caused. The department at present consists of a Director, an Assistant Director and a Secretary. Our budget for Calendar Year 1979 totals \$65,200 with \$34,600 being contributed by the County and the four cities and an estimated Federal Contribution for Personnel and Administrative expenses and Special Projects of \$30,594. A further breakdown indicates that \$2160 is budgeted to cover Administrative expenses which includes Office supplies, Printing, Postage and Telephone.

Obviously any additional extra ordinary planning effort such as an adequate response plan for the contingency of a release from a Naval Nuclear Reactor will require a significant increase in our department budget or some special additional funding source.

Because of the limited tax base for Kitsap County a reduction in force of 16% of County Employees has been announced with tentative date of implementation 1 October 1979. If our department is not affected by this reduction I believe we will have sufficient expertise to produce such a response plan provided additional funding to cover such costs as assembling data, the production, reproduction and distribution, training, and testing become available. If our department is affected by a reduction in force it would be necessary for the Agency

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of Government to employ a professional planner under contract to produce a plan. The undersigned would have been likely to lead to the possibility of a reduction in costs as he alone is eligible for a grant award.

I am not sure of agreement to project a firm figure to cover entire costs necessary to produce an adequate response plan but based upon our experience in producing our Community Shelter Plan an estimate would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

In my comments I have attempted to point out the fact that our contribution is unique. I was most impressed by the detail involved in the Columbia study and report.

Sincerely,

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