November 29, 1979

ALL POWER REACTOR LICENSEES

Gentlemen:

This letter, which is being sent to all licensees authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor and to all applicants for a license to operate a power reactor (FSAR docketed), is a request for information regarding estimates for evacuation of various areas around nuclear power reactors. The requested information is in addition to that requested by the October 10, 1979 letter to all power reactor licensees from Darrell G. Eisenhut, Acting Director, Division of Operating Reactors, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Although evacuation time estimates are expected to be prepared in the course of the upgrading of the state of emergency preparedness as specified in the October 10, 1979 letter, submission of these estimates to the NRC is being requested on an accelerated time scale so that the NRC can identify those instances in which unusual evacuation constraints exist and special planning measures should be considered. In some cases of extreme difficulty where a large population is at risk, special facility modifications may also be appropriate. The requested information will also enable the NRC to be responsive to a recommendation from the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations. The information requested in the enclosure should be submitted no later than January 31, 1980.

The October 10, 1979 letter indicated that efforts to develop a model plan were continuing. It now appears that the model plan will not be completed on a schedule which will be of use in developing upgraded plans for the requested January 1, 1980 submittal. The upgraded plan development should therefore proceed on a site-specific basis.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Request for Evacuation Time
  Estimates

cc w/enclosure:
Service List

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