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Mr. Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During consideration of the FY 1980 NRC Authorization bill (H.R. 2608) on May 1, 1979, members of the Subcommittee on Energy & Environment expressed concern about the NRC's evacuation planning requirements and its treatment of those requirements in licensing. Specifically, members questioned the adequacy of NRC's guidelines and enforcement procedures.

Prior to full committee consideration on May 9, 1979, please respond to the following:

- NRR* 1) Does the NRC presently require evacuation plans as a condition of license? Are these state or utility plans?
- NRR* 2) Under what statute, rule or regulation does the NRC require such plans?
- NRR* 3) What guidelines or criteria must be met for NRC approval of such plans? What is the scope of such plans? Plant property? Immediately surrounding area? General local area? What radius?
- NRR* 4) What role does the NRC take in planning assistance for such plans?
- NRR/SP* 5) Which states presently meet NRC guidelines?
- NRR/SP* 6) In which states are there operating nuclear plants but no approved evacuation plans?

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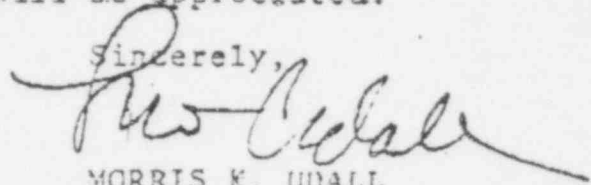
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*MK/CD* 7) : In which states are there proposed nuclear plants  
or plants under construction but no approved  
evacuation plans?

Thank you for your assistance. As I mentioned, the  
Committee will be considering this Authorization very  
shortly; your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



MORRIS K. UDALL  
Chairman

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(Q&A FORMAT)

QUESTION 17. From time to time Congressional questions are received and routed to MPA to coordinate the responses. Individual questions are assigned to various offices for actual preparation of the answers.

(a) What format is to be used?

ANSWER.

Each Q&A should be typed on a separate sheet, using a Gothic type element and single spacing. White-out or cut-and-paste may be used. The original and a Xerox copy should be sent to MPA in Maryland National Bank Building.

It is important that MPA be provided the original copy (even though it is cut-and-paste) due to the number of copies to be made for distribution to Congress and within NRC. Also, any changes required can be coordinated with the offices by phone and then put into the original copy at the Maryland National Bank Building.

QUESTION. (b) Are there any other comments that should be noted?

ANSWER.

When a question is assigned to more than one office -- for instance, NRR/RES/NMSS -- the first office listed is responsible for submitting a reply that has been coordinated with the other offices. The secondary offices should send their input to the answer to the primary office and not to MPA.

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