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Note to: Chairman Hendrie
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FROM: Lee V. Gossick
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANNING

The attached draft memorandum would, in effect, recharter the existing NRC Task Force on Emergency Planning with the objective of pulling together and coordination of the numerous activities associated with emergency planning and response.

I would appreciate your comments and suggestions on this matter. Hopefully, we can discuss it at the meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 7, to discuss the general subject of emergency planning.


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FROM: Lee V. Gossick,
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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE ON EMERGENCY PLANNING

Recently proposals have been made regarding how we should address the serious outstanding issues in emergency planning. Also, many items in my May 31 listing of staff actions related to TMI show that certain NRC offices, State Programs in particular, are working on emergency planning.

I intend to establish a Task Force on Emergency Planning, reporting to me, as a vehicle to help formulate the scope, direction, and pace for NRC's overall emergency planning activity. This Task Force would also develop the means to coordinate emergency planning efforts within NRC and to coordinate NRC's overall activity with other government agencies.

More specifically, I want this Task Force to:

- define a comprehensive plan for NRC's entire emergency planning activity indicating (1) what efforts are now underway, (2) what else should be underway, (3) what is the correct priority and schedule for pursuing these efforts, and (4) what it will take to do them;
- ensure that the plan properly addresses the wide range of issues identified at the Commission level (e.g. OPE's May 18 and May 23 memoranda) and at the staff level (e.g. SP's May 29 memorandum), stressing in particular the monitoring and communications issues on pages 4 and 5 of Enclosure 1 to the May 18 OPE memorandum;

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- suggest ways to evaluate the effectiveness of current emergency plans and to upgrade these plans in cases where they would not adequately protect the public;
- analyze the division of responsibility between the emergency planning activity at NRC and related activities at other Federal, State, and Local government entities, and provide recommendations that will help make the emergency plans for areas around any particular nuclear plant truly integrated; and
- propose the means of organizing our work on emergency planning so that it is properly coordinated inside NRC (e.g. aspects dealing with the licensee should be clearly defined relative to the other aspects) and so that it meshes properly with the work of agencies outside NRC.

I would like to meet with the co-chairmen on June to discuss the Task Force charter and organizational arrangements outlined above. At that time I would like to get their thoughts concerning (1) the general direction I am proposing, and (2) the timing for the first phase of the Task Force's activity, which should be to provide me a more detailed charter and a schedule of activities.

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