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Dear Jack:

We are in the process of reviewing the California Radiological Emergency Response Plans but are not certain that we have all of the current or necessary documents. In December of last year, we wrote to the Governor listing the documents we have on file and asking if they were current or obsolete, and also requesting any additional radiological emergency planning documents. We also requested that the State furnish us with the name of the responsible agency for radiological emergency planning and the agency with a principal supporting role. We further asked for the names of the individuals who were responsible for these agencies. We received no reply from the Governor's office, and would appreciate your assisting in obtaining the requested information.

Based upon our review of the documents that we have, it is obvious that you have put a lot of time and effort into developing a general emergency response plan for California. However, as stated in your letter to Charles Warren on May 1, 1974, the draft Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Plan (May 1974) is not complete. Basically, it is only a list of responsibilities that must be "fleshed out" into a plan. You indicated in that letter that a schedule would be made for completing the response plan for nuclear power plant emergencies, and that other agencies had been contacted regarding their role. If possible, we would appreciate receiving a copy of this schedule and any further drafts and local plans that are available.

As you are aware, our office published a "Guide and Checklist for Development and Evaluation of State and Local Government Radiological Emergency Response Plans in Support of Fixed Nuclear Facilities" in December 1974. In reviewing the California emergency planning documents against this Guide and Checklist, we believe that areas such as accident assessment, protective response, radiological exposure control, and medical and public health, described in the Guide and Checklist, have not been sufficiently addressed. We believe you should consider addressing these areas in your plan.

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We are also concerned by reports in various newspapers last year which stated that "no one agency(within California) would be in charge." We are aware that you have been trying to alleviate this situation, but are not aware if, in fact, the issue has been resolved. One reason for our concern is the lack of response from the Governor on this very question. We believe, as you do, that it is of the utmost importance to have one agency with the prime responsibility to develop and maintain an emergency plan.

We understand that tentative arrangements have been made for a visit to California by the Federal Interagency Field Training Cadre either late this summer or early fall. In the meantime, we would like to be of further assistance in these matters and urge you to call upon us.

Sincerely,

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