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Mr. Robert G. Ryan, Director
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

The Washington State Department of Emergency Services is pleased to take this opportunity to comment on NUREG 0654. In general, we are pleased with the new format for the planning objectives represented in Section 2 of this document. Nevertheless, we have a number of questions concerning the specific degree of documentation that will be required to gain FEMA's concurrence in state and local nuclear incident response plans.

We intend to work with these problems with the Regional Advisory Committee, and we hope that the agreements reached with the Regional Advisory Committee will pass your inspections of our plans. We intend to completely revise the standard state Fixed Nuclear Facility Incident Response Plan in light of the planning criteria provided by NUREG 0654.

Sincerely,
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