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Mr. John Ahearne, Chairman  
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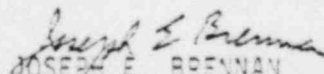
Dear Mr. Ahearne:

The Maine Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness has been actively engaged in preparing a Radiological Incident Plan regarding the Maine Yankee nuclear generating facility for the past nine months. The original "draft submission", developed and submitted to your office on 31 December 1979, reflected and contained data which was in accordance with previous Nuclear Regulatory Commission guidelines.

Approximately five weeks subsequent to submission, NUREG 0654/FEMA-REP-1 "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants", was received by the Maine Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness. This document contained additional requirements and guidelines heretofore not required. This "proposed interim guidance" will require that additional modifications be incorporated with the "plan" if the State of Maine is to receive "concurrence" from the federal government. Concurrently, NUREG 0654/FEMA-REP-1 requires that numerous elements of Maine State Government purchase radiological detection and protection equipment in an effort to subscribe to federal requirements. It should be noted that none of these requirements were programmed within the existing State of Maine budget, and I understand that the likelihood of receiving financial assistance from the federal government is considered minimal.

In an effort to provide uniform guidance to the State of Maine and all other states engaged in similar projects, I would urge that all federal guidance in connection with drafting peacetime nuclear contingency plans for fixed nuclear facilities be completed and promulgated in an expeditious manner. Additionally, the final design objectives/requirements should provide sufficient latitude to ensure that all states have reasonable expectations of accomplishing the operational objectives within a realistic time frame. ←

Sincerely,

  
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