

MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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William T. Russell, Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Attn: Mr. William Lazarus

Dear Mr. Russell:

Recently, Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) was notified that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region One personnel had been temporarily reassigned to California to provide disaster assistance. Based on an October 23rd memorandum received from the Director, FEMA, Region 1 (copy enclosed), you will note that an observed exercise for "score" will not be conducted in the near term.

Maine Emergency Management Agency has recently initiated and/or participated in many radiological preparedness tests, drills and exercises. Specifically, this agency has:

- A. Participated in a two day Ingestion Pathway Exercise with Seabrook Station, N.H. in June 1988, and an Ingestion Pathway table top exercise with Maine Yankee in August 1989.
- B. Conducted training and a two hour table top exercise for all sixteen (16) local communities in the Maine Yankee Primary Emergency Planning Zone during the summer of 1989.
- C. Conducted a day-long Plume Pathway Exercise on 25 October 1989 with Maine Yankee. Scheduled an additional day long Plume Pathway Exercise on Wednesday, 15 November 1989. Both of these training functions did/will involve the State EOC, JIC, MOC and field teams.

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- A. Distributed over 500 tone alert radios to city/town organizations and private citizens within the Primary Planning Zone with special emphasis in the 0-5 mile area.
- B. Modified the existing Maine Yankee Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) from its present three volumes to seven.
- C. Improved dosimetry in the primary EPZ.
- D. Modified and improved the Joint Information Center (JIC) procedures.
- E. Developed checklist(s) for all members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT).
- F. Participated in many personnel training activities to improve professional radiological expertise.
- G. Assisted in planning for the installation of twenty (20) additional fixed sirens to improve our Public Emergency Alerting System.

In view of the activities cited above (both equipment and contingency planning functions), the State of Maine considers that the radiological health and safety of those citizens residing in the Primary Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) is and can be adequately protected.

We believe the lack of federal observers makes it impossible to successfully conduct and evaluate a full scale exercise as originally planned, and we therefore support Maine Yankee's request for an exemption of their requirement for this year. This agency will continue to plan for and conduct an off site exercise with Maine Yankee on Wednesday, 15 November 1989.

Sincerely,

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October 23, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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State Director

FROM:

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Regional Director

SUBJECT:

November 14, 1989 Maine Yankee Exercise

Because FEMA Region I has committed a large number of its personnel including the bulk of its REP Team to assist disaster victims in various parts of the country, we will be unable to conduct the November 14, 1989 evaluation of the Maine Yankee fixed site. Future evaluation activity will be coordinated with all interested parties.

cc: Grant Peterson, SL-NP-TH Douglas Whittier, Maine Yankee William Russell, NRC Reg I