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Mr. Kirk Malone
1600 N.W. 16th
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

Dear Mr. Malone,

Your letter of May 5, 1980 brought to my attention your concerns regarding the emergency planning for the Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant. Please be assured that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will not grant an operating license or construction permit to a utility, unless all NRC regulatory requirements are met. Requirements for emergency response planning are being revised in response to recommendations by the NRC/EPA Joint Task Force on Emergency Planning and the Three Mile Island Lessons Learned Task Forces. A copy of the proposed changes to 10 CFR 50, Appendix E and the NRC's interim criteria for FEMA-REP-1 (NUREG 0654) are enclosed. NUREG 0654 is currently used as the basis for determining the adequacy of Emergency Plans.

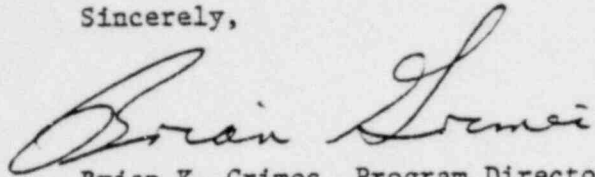
On December 7, 1979, the President issued a directive assigning the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) lead responsibility for offsite emergency preparedness around nuclear facilities. The NRC and FEMA immediately initiated negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that lays out the agencies roles and provides for a smooth transfer of responsibilities. Specifically, the FEMA responsibilities with respect to emergency preparedness as they relate to NRC are:

1. To make findings and determinations as to whether State and local emergency plans are adequate.
2. To verify that State and local emergency plans are capable of being implemented (e.g., adequacy and maintenance of procedures, training, resources, staffing levels and qualification and equipment adequacy).
3. To assume responsibility for emergency preparedness training of State and local officials.
4. To develop and issue an updated series of interagency assignments which delineate respective agency capabilities and responsibilities and define procedures for coordination and direction for emergency planning and response.

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Since you voiced concern about State planning efforts I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Sheldon Schwartz, Acting Director, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Division, FEMA. I hope this information adequately responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian K. Grimes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Brian K. Grimes, Program Director
Emergency Preparedness Program Office

Enclosure:
As stated