



FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Washington D.C. 20472

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Mr. Brian K. Grimes
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Grimes:

This responds to your March 10, 1981, request for several findings and determinations. The following information is provided relative to Sequoyah 2.

On August 7, 1980, by letter to Mr. William L. Dircks, FEMA approved the Tennessee Multi-Jurisdictional Radiological Emergency Response Plan site specific for TVA's Sequoyah 1 Nuclear Power Facility, subject to conditions. We have been advised by FEMA Region IV that the State has taken positive action to correct all deficiencies noted in that letter.

As of this date it is our understanding that the public alerting and notification system is the only major deficiency not completely corrected. The State is working with TVA to ensure meeting the FEMA/NRC joint criteria by July 1, 1981. FEMA Region IV is reviewing the State's proposed alerting and notification system to determine if its design meets the criteria of NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP 1, REV. 1.

A review of the Alabama and Georgia State plans and their participation in recent exercises indicate their capability to respond to ingestion pathway (50-mile emergency planning zone) problems from the Sequoyah site.

Based on the above, it appears that State and local authorities in Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia are adequately prepared to cope with an accident at the Sequoyah site. However, as of this time, our approval of the Tennessee plan, site specific for TVA's Sequoyah site, continues to be approved on the condition that by July 1, 1981, the public alerting and notification system meets FEMA/NRC criteria.

I shall keep you advised of any changes regarding the above.

Sincerely yours,

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