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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fish:

We received your letter of March 27, 1981 in which you expressed the concerns of the Westchester County Executive, Mr. DeBello. We also received correspondence from Mr. DeBello to which we responded directly in our letter dated March 20, 1981. We have enclosed a copy for your information.

A meeting was held on April 15, 1981, in Albany, New York to discuss the necessary measures for resolving the emergency preparedness concerns raised by various New York State and local officials. The meeting participants included representatives from the various State agencies, those seven counties within 10 miles of a licensed nuclear power plant, the four utilities which have operating licenses, FEMA, and the NRC. Even though the new emergency plans cannot be fully implemented at this time, the State agencies and counties indicated that they would be used to the extent feasible for any current emergency. The State believes that legislation is required to fully resolve the offsite planning problems and that resolution of the legislative issues involved can be achieved within about four months.

Also, we received a letter from FEMA on April 23, 1981, which enclosed a letter from FEMA to New York State, dated April 6, 1981, identifying deficiencies in the New York State and local emergency response plans. Subsequently, the NRC issued a letter of April 24, 1981 (copy attached), to each power reactor licensee in New York, placing them on notice that if the deficiencies were not corrected within 120 days, the Commission will determine whether the reactor shall be shut down until such deficiencies are remedied or whether other enforcement action is appropriate.

I trust this satisfies your concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Hendrie", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman

Enclosures:  
As Stated

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