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The Honorable Jesse Helms
 United States Senator
 P. O. Drawer 2838
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Senator Helms:

This responds to your letter of July 2, 1981, to our Congressional Affairs Office, forwarding correspondence from your constituent, Mayor Thomas, expressing his concern with planned evacuation routes around the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant.

We have recently responded to Mayor Thomas on this subject. Enclosed for your information is a copy of our response and the incoming letter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rahn

for

William J. Dircks
 Executive Director for Operations

Enclosures:

1. Letter to Mayor Thomas dated July 24, 1981
2. Letter from Mayor Thomas dated June 24, 1981



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

Docket Nos. 50-324
and 50-325

JULY 24 1981

The Honorable B. C. Thomas, Jr.
Mayor of Long Beach
Long Beach, North Carolina 28461

Dear Mayor Thomas:

This responds to your letter of June 24, 1981 which was a follow-up to your earlier telephone conversation with Chairman Hendrie concerning emergency preparedness at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant. You expressed concern with planned evacuation routes and your belief that the NRC should look at each situation individually and take appropriate measures as called for.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are currently conducting a program to upgrade the emergency preparedness capability associated with each nuclear power plant. This upgrading is required by revised NRC regulations and includes State and local agencies/organizations, as well as the licensed utilities. It encompasses (1) a site-specific evaluation of the licensee's upgraded emergency plan and procedures, (2) an evaluation of the State and local agencies' upgraded plans and procedures, and (3) the conduct of a full-scale emergency exercise, with participation by the nuclear plant concerned, as well as State and local agencies, and evaluation by both NRC and FEMA. The site-specific evaluations and the exercise will be accomplished for the Brunswick site in the very near future. A joint NRC/FEMA critique, which the public is invited to attend, will be held after the exercise is completed. Also, FEMA will hold a public meeting to discuss State and local emergency plans at which time an opportunity will be provided for public comment.

Please be assured that all aspects of emergency preparedness, including your specific concerns, will be considered by NRC and FEMA in arriving at a judgment on the adequacy of emergency preparedness to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of an incident at the Brunswick site.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
V. Stello

Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

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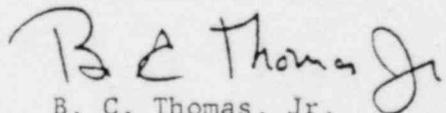
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I believe that if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is so concerned about the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens around the nuclear facility, they should look at each situation individually and take the appropriate measures that the particular situation calls for.

Thanking you in advance for the investigation that you said your department would make concerning our problem.

Respectfully,



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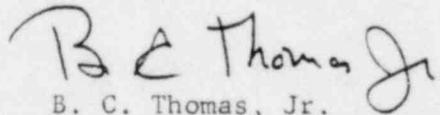
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