Mr. Thomas E. Tipton, Director
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Dear Mr. Tipton:

Thank you for sending me a copy of NUMARC/NESP-007, "Methodology for
Development of Emergency Action Levels," April 1990. We appreciate this
document, which represents a significant effort on the part of your
organization and its members to improve emergency preparedness in the vicinity
of nuclear power plants.

Pending our review and approval, based on your request we intend to publish a
proposed revision of Regulatory Guide 1.101, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness
for Nuclear Power Reactors," endorsing NUMARC/NESP-007 as an acceptable
alternative to Appendix 1 in NUREG-0654 for meeting the requirement in
10 CFR 50.47(b)(4) that each NRC licensee have a standard emergency classifi-
cation and action level scheme. The reanalysis of actual emergency declarations
that you requested should help establish the equivalence of NUREG-0654 and
NUMARC/NESP-007 methodologies. NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
will coordinate this reanalysis and the final review of your document and
inform you of the results.

Please contact me or have your staff contact Michael Jamgochian, RES, at
492-3918, or Edward Podolak of my staff at 492-3167 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Thomas E. Murley

Thomas E. Murley, Director
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