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The Honorable Alan K. Simpson, Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is our twelfth joint monthly status report on emergency preparedness for nuclear power plants in response to your letter of June 8, 1981. This report responds to the questions posed in your letter and is current as of June 30, 1982.

The report briefly describes the action taken by our agencies to upgrade emergency preparedness at and around nuclear power plant sites. The report includes the latest schedules which our two agencies have discussed and a synopsis of the related actions which are involved. The onsite portions of the appraisals for all operating reactors have been completed and all but three appraisal reports were issued as of June 30, 1982 (one of which was subsequently issued on July 1, 1982). Our staffs will continue to work together to resolve any problems involving schedules.

The information shown in Part I, Table 1, reflects recent amendments to the emergency preparedness regulations which permit operation up to 5% of rated power without an NRC or FEMA finding on the adequacy of offsite emergency preparedness and allow the joint exercise to be conducted as part of the final inspection process prior to full power operation. These changes in the regulations and FEMA's continued efforts to meet NRC hearing schedules have resulted in the elimination of the estimated potential delays resulting from offsite preparedness issues. We therefore wish to propose a change in the reporting frequency for this status report from monthly to quarterly. Thus, the next report would be issued on October 15, 1982. We would appreciate your concurrence with this proposal. In the next report we would intend to streamline the table format and will provide advance copies of the revised format to your staff.

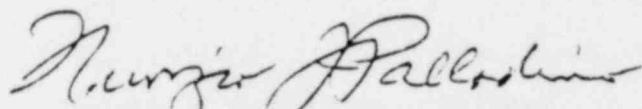
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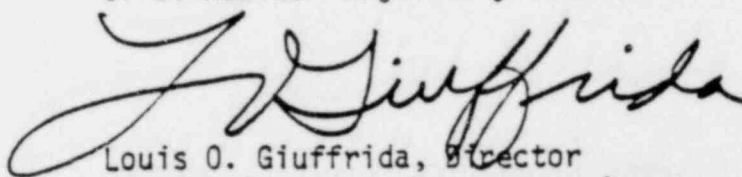
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Please notify us if you desire any additional information.

Sincerely,



Nunzio J. Palladino, Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Louis O. Giuffrida, Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Enclosure: Joint Monthly Status Report

cc: The Honorable Gary Hart