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The Honorable Richard Stone
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stone:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 2, 1980, forwarding constituent letters expressing concern about evacuation plans for the Port St. Lucie and Ft. Pierce areas of Florida relative to the Hutchinson Island nuclear power plant.

The NRC has an active program in progress for upgrading emergency planning in the environs of all operating nuclear power plants. The program includes visits to the reactor and its environs by emergency planning teams, and meetings with licensed utilities, local and State authorities to discuss new and more stringent requirements. Such a meeting was held on November 8, 1979, for the Hutchinson Island nuclear plant.

President Carter, in his statement on December 7, 1979, assigned the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) lead responsibility for emergency preparedness of States and local governments around nuclear power plants. This responsibility includes evacuation planning of State and local authorities in the environs of a nuclear power plant. Upon completion of its review, FEMA will present its findings on the adequacy of offsite emergency plans to NRC, and NRC will then make the final licensing decision on the overall acceptability of emergency preparedness of the nuclear power plant and the surrounding environs. The FEMA and NRC encourage local citizen participation in the emergency planning process. In evaluating State and local emergency plans, consideration will be given to ensure that local special groups, such as school children and handicapped people, and local residents have adequate transportation and an adequate place to go.

The FEMA official responsible for the emergency plan reviews in your area is:

Frank Newton, Director
Region IV
1375 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Suite 664
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

The State and local officials responsible for the development and implementation of the plans for the Port St. Lucie and Ft. Pierce area are:

Robert S. Wilperson, Chief
Bureau of Disaster Preparedness
South Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Phillip J. Rodi, Director
Division of Disaster Preparedness
408 Browns Street
Ft. Pierce, Florida 33450

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Copies of the emergency plans will be available for public review after the first of the year in the local public document room, which for the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant is:

Indian River Community College Library
3209 Virginia Avenue
Ft. Pierce, Florida 33450

I hope this letter is responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. ~~Redm~~

for William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations