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Mr. G. E. Cunningham
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

We have received your letter dated July 20, 1982, concerning emergency planning issues at General Electric's Vallecitos Nuclear Center. Your letter addresses the desirability of a single emergency plan for the Vallecitos Nuclear Center and proposes the following:

1. That November 3, 1982 is the appropriate submittal date for the Vallecitos Nuclear Center Site Emergency Plan; and therefore, an exemption is requested from the September 7, 1982 date required by 10 CFR 50.54(r) for submittal of an upgraded emergency plan for the General Electric Test Reactor (GETR), Docket No. 50-70.
2. That the GETR facility, although licensed to operate at 50 MW thermal, should be treated as a minor facility because, 1) the GETR has not operated since October 1977, due to an Order to Show Cause issued by the NRC; 2) the reactor core has been defueled since October 1977; 3) General Electric plans to remove all irradiated GETR fuel from the site by the end of the third quarter of 1982 (the unirradiated SNM has already been moved); and 4) General Electric would need approximately two years lead time after cancellation of the Order to Show Cause to establish the GETR as an operating facility.
3. That emergency planning covering the GETR facility in its present non-operating status will be included in a comprehensive site emergency plan for the Vallecitos Nuclear Center.

The staff has reviewed the proposals for upgrading emergency preparedness at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center. We conclude that the proposals outlined in your letter are acceptable. The staff further concludes that an exemption in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12 from the September 7, 1982 date is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest and is therefore granted. It is our understanding, based on the proposal as outlined in your letter, dated July 20, 1982, that the following will be adhered to:

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2. The emergency preparedness upgrade for the GETR facility will be addressed in its present non-operating status and included in the Vallecitos Nuclear Center Site Emergency Plan.
3. The Site Emergency Plan will be submitted by November 3, 1982.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
 Division of Licensing
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Sincerely,

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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