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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT FEMA GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM, MS-1,
MEDICAL SERVICES, REVISION 1

The following are Region V comments on the subject FEMA guidance memorandum. These comments were telephoned to Ed Fox of your staff on January 28, 1991. If you have any questions, please contact me at FTS 975-0237.

° Evaluation Criterion L.3, Location of Primary and Backup Medical Facilities

A statement should be added specifying the primary medical facility should be located 15 to 20 miles from the commercial nuclear power plant, if possible. This allows some flexibility if a primary is not available in that range, but also provides clearer direction to the PRO on the intent of the guidance.

Guidance should be provided on an upper limit on the distance from the commercial nuclear power plant taking into consideration the type of transportation available for contaminated patients.

° Evaluation Criterion L.3, Medical Facility Staffing and Training

If the primary medical facility is the same as that used by the licensee, then one doctor and nurse with training is not sufficient. Perhaps it would be beneficial to develop a doctor to patient ratio based upon the expected number of patients.

Add a statement referring the reader to Evaluation Criterion 0.4 for further details on training of medical staff.

° Evaluation Criterion L.4, Areas for Review and Acceptance Criteria

During a major emergency, members of the public will, in most probability, utilize their private vehicles to get to the closest medical facility if they believe they have become contaminated. These vehicles, no matter where in the EPZ or IPZ they originated, will require monitoring prior to release. The State should be held responsible for ensuring this occurs. This will provide a credible source for the decision to release these vehicles.

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° Evaluation Criterion L.4, Radiological Monitoring and Transportation Providers

It should be noted the term "ambulance personnel" as used here is generic meaning any person(s) transporting contaminated personnel to the medical facility.

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