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SUBJECT: Status Update for Plant St. Lucie Florida

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the status of offsite plans and preparedness at Plant St. Lucie, Florida, in the area of "public education and information." This update is warranted because the "Interim Findings," provided the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on November 1, 1982, identified this area as a major deficiency.

Attached is a "status update" (February 7, 1983) provided to this office by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV Regional Director, Mr. Major P. May. This update reports on the results of Regional Assistance Committee (RAC)/FEMA review of the revised Florida Radiological Emergency Management Plan and the "exercise" held on January 20, 1983. As a result of plan review and the recent exercise, FEMA believes that the major deficiency has been eliminated and the area of "public education and information" at Plant St. Lucie is now adequate.

FEMA Headquarters concurs with the Regional Director's evaluation that the revised Florida Radiological Emergency Plan for Plant St. Lucie and the exercise of January 20, 1983, demonstrated that the ability to protect the health and safety of the public in the area of Plant St. Lucie remains adequate.

If you have any questions on this matter please call me or have your staff contact Mr. Fred Sharrocks of my staff at 287-0206.

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FROM: *Phillip May*  
Major P. May, Regional Director

SUBJECT: Status Up-date for the Interim Findings Report  
Plant St. Lucie, Florida  
September 23, 1982

This memorandum is to document recent activities which have occurred regarding Plant St. Lucie, Florida.

On December 9, 1982 a revised Florida Radiological Emergency Management Plan was received by FEMA Region IV. A formal RAC review of the plan was conducted on January 12, 1983 at the FEMA regional office. From review of the plan it was concluded that the Florida concept of Public Information is now in conformance with FEMA guidance.

The Public Information activities will be coordinated with the utility and multiple points of release have been eliminated. These major changes in policy show progress is improving in the public information program.

The revised Florida plan for public information was tested at the recent Plant St. Lucie Exercise on January 20, 1983. The following comments were made at the exercise critique on January 21, 1983 by the FEMA evaluator for public information.

- I. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND RESOURCES:  
(Working space, internal communications and displays, communications, security).

Working space was adequate to support necessary operations. A new Emergency News Center is under construction as a part of the new Emergency Operating Facility. The new ENC will allow for more adequate working space and resources. Internal communications for Public Information Staffs were handled well for producing written releases. Displays were adequate

for the briefing room, however in the Public Information Office work area there were no visual aids present. Communications existed between all points of control and command. The hard copy equipment appeared to be working at the ENC. However, press releases transmitted to county Emergency Operations Centers were not received. Florida Power and Light releases also experienced problems in transmission. Security was adequate for both working areas.

II. ALERTING AND MOBILIZATION OF OFFICIALS AND STAFF:  
(Staffing, 24-hour capability, alerting timeliness).

County staff for public information was very busy representing two counties, St. Lucie and Martin County. The 24-hour capability was demonstrated by activating back-up staff. Consideration could be given to identifying additional help for county Public Information Officer, as local activity will be of major concern to the media. It is very difficult for only one individual to coordinate both counties. Alerting and mobilization was not demonstrated, as all staff were prepositioned.

III. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT: (Organization, control, leadership, support by officials, information flow between levels and organizations, decision-making, checklists and procedures).

The ENC operated in an efficient manner. Consideration should be given to coordinating host county media activities.

IV. PUBLIC ALERTING AND NOTIFICATION: (Means of notification, e.g. sirens, vehicles, other systems, notification timeliness).

Information about the Emergency Broadcast System messages was not confirmed in a timely manner. EBS messages initiated by the local governments were not received at the ENC. Media representatives were not advised of the information given to the public by way of EBS.

- V. PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS: (Publications, press facilities, media briefings, news release coordination).

Publications and news releases were numerous and frequent, as were media briefings. Every effort was taken to keep the media informed of emergency activities and situations. The new equipment utilized for conference calls was excellent. This system allowed media direct access to the decision makers. Some confusion did occur as a result of press releases which were not clearly written. Tracking releases was difficult. Consideration should be given to a better log system as well as verification procedures.

- VI. ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT: (Staff and field operations, monitoring, adequacy of equipment, technical calculations, use of PAGs, issuance of timely recommendations).

Not Applicable

- VII. ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC: (Sheltering, evacuation, reception and care, transportation).

Not Applicable

- VIII. HEALTH, MEDICAL AND EXPOSURE, CONTROL MEASURES: (Access control, adequacy of equipment and supplies, dosimetry, use of KI, decontamination, medical facilities and treatment).

Not Applicable

- IX. RECOVERY AND REENTRY OPERATIONS: (Adequacy of Plans and Procedures).

Not demonstrated at the Emergency News Center.

- X. RELEVANCE OF THE EXERCISE EXPERIENCE: (Benefit to participants, adequacy of the scenario).

The exercise was beneficial to the participants, and provided an opportunity to test new procedures and equipment. The exercise pointed out areas of both strengths and weaknesses which will help improve future operations. Overall the exercise established the adequacy of the revised plan to effectively disseminate information in a timely manner.

Based on the above information it is the Regional Director's evaluation that the revised Florida Radiological Emergency Plan for Nuclear Power Facilities is adequate to protect the health and safety of the public in the area of Plant St. Lucie.