Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Mr. William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.   20555

Dear Mr. Dircks:

In accordance with the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Rule, 44 CFR 350, the State of Illinois submitted its Illinois Plan for Radiologicial Accidents and associated local plans related to the Dresden Nuclear Power Station to the Regional Director of FEMA Region V for FEMA review and approval. The Regional Director forwarded his evaluation of the Illinois State and local plans to me in accordance with Section 350.11 of the proposed Rule. His submission included an evaluation of the exercises conducted on October 28, 1980, and September 30,1981, and a report of the public meeting held on October 30, 1980, to explain the site-specific aspects of the State and local plans. The most recent Dresden exercise conducted on June 29, 1982, demonstrated that outstanding deficiencies have been corrected with the exception of the prompt alerting and notification systems.

Based on an overall evaluation, I find and determine that, subject to the condition stated below, the plans and preparedness for offsite protection near the Dresden Nuclear Power Station are adequate to protect the health and safety of the public and that there is reasonable assurance that the appropriate protective measures can and will be applied offsite in the event of a radiological emergency. The Dresden Nuclear Power Station has completed installation of a siren system for alerting and notification of the public and it is now in operation. However, the adequacy of this system has not yet been verified according to the Criteria of Appendix 3 of NUREG-0654 /FEMA-REP-1, Revision 1.

Accordingly, I approve the Illinois State and local plans relative to the Dredsen Nuclear Power Station subject to the verification by FEMA of the adequacy of the alerting and notification system.

Sincerely,

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