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In our submittal of April 15, 1983, response to Generic Letter 82-33, Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737 Requirements for Emergency Response Capability, our schedule for establishing the permanent TSC and EOF was given as during our third refueling outage. At present, this outage is nearing completion and all emergency response functions have been transferred from the interim TSC and EOF to our permanent Emergency Response Facility (ERF). Prior to transferring emergency response functions from one facility to the other, the NRC Region 1 Office was advised of this activity and kept aware of our progress. A full description of this facility has been provided to the NRC in earlier correspondence. Our schedule for a fully functional ERF, as defined by NRC design criteria in Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737, remains as following the fourth refueling outage. Following that outage, our emergency response capability will have addressed the guidance provided by Supplement 1 and its associated reference documents.

For the present, the permanent ERF has been evaluated against 10CFR50.47 and 10CFR50 Appendix E to confirm our ability to meet the requirements for emergency planning and preparedness. We have concluded that our permanent facility is capable of meeting the NRC requirements as defined in 10CFR50.

In one area of emergency planning, communications, it became necessary to implement interim capabilities as compared to previously established communications links. Due to coordinating difficulties with the commercial telephone company, which was further complicated by a nationwide strike, the primary telephone links with State/local governments and the NRC have not been installed. The Emergency Preparedness Plan has a procedure for interim use for communicating with these agencies until the permanent phone lines can be installed. Based on our assessment, this compensatory action will permit communications with all involved agencies as required by 10CFR50, Appendix E, IV.E.9.

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The interim communications capability consists of the use of commercial telephone lines in the ERF which serve as both the primary and back-up means of communications. Each have back-up power available. The primary communications link with State and local government agencies will be via the Duquesne Light Company communications network which connects to the commercial telephone system in Pittsburgh. The back-up communications link will be via the local commerical telephone switching network serving the Beaver Valley site. The primary communications link with the NRC will be via two dedicated commerical telephone lines from the ERF which are connected through the local commercial telephone switching network and backed-up with the Duquesne Light Company communications network. These interim communications capabilities will exist until permanent telephone lines can be installed which serve as the permanent hotlines for the ERF. Based on preliminary scheduling with the commercial telephone service, installation should be completed by the end of October 1983. When the permanent system is installed and tested, you will be advised through the necessary changes to our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or members of my staff.

Very truly yours,

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