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Gentlemen:

As stated in our letter to you on this subject, dated January 14, 1982, the revised emergency planning rule published August 19, 1980, requires that emergency preparedness be upgraded and maintained at and around nuclear power plants. Part of the maintenance process is a requirement for periodic exercises, some of which must be conducted before a full power operating license decision is made. The NRC will provide inspectors to observe the onsite aspects of these exercises and will review the proposed scenarios.

The NRC will review the proposed scenarios for adequacy in terms of scope (testing of major areas of response) and adequacy of provisions enabling testing of major portions of offsite plans. In order to ensure proper review and coordination with all the participant organizations, a timely submittal of information is required. Unfortunately, many applicants and licensees have been negligent in providing timely submittals in the past. The following scenario submission schedule is necessary:

<u>Period in Advance of Exercise</u>	<u>Information to be Submitted</u>
75 days	Description of scope of exercise and objectives to be fulfilled
45 days	Detailed description of exercise scenario and anticipated licensee actions
45 days	Complete controller packages which contain the information to be supplied to the observers for the exercise, along with that to be supplied to the players as the scenario is unfolded.

For exercises which include participation of offsite authorities, the information described above should be coordinated with appropriate state and local government agencies prior to submittal to the NRC. The

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availability of this information on this schedule should allow sufficient time for you to communicate with all participating agencies and coordinate efforts on the upcoming exercise. This should result in the maximum number of objectives being attained by all participating parties. Appropriate state and local agencies should also be informed well in advance of major planned onsite exercises to facilitate scheduling of any coincident offsite participation they may deem desirable.

The information requested should be sent to the Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region IV, at the above address. A copy of the first two items only should be sent to the Director, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Engineering Response, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, USNRC, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Sincerely,

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