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Mr. Glenn C. Woodard, Jr., Chief Natural and Technological Mazards Division RIV Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV 1375 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Woodard:

A full participation emergency preparedness exercise will be conducted at the Catawba Nuclear Station near Rock Hill, South Carolina on February 15-16, 1984.

The exercise will consist of a simulated accident at Catawba which will escalate to a general emergency and involve planned response and recovery actions by North and South Carolina. During the simulated emergency, an off-site radiological release will occur and require responses by off-site personnel.

In accordance with NUREG 0654, the objectives of this exercise for North and South Carolina are as follows:

## North and South Carolina

- To test and assess the initiation and implementation of South Carolina's and North Carolina's plans and organizations with respect to a radiological emergency at the Catawba Nuclear Station.
- To test the ability of South Carolina and North Carolina to assess the impact of a radiological emergency on the public and to carry out the required alert and notification plans of response forces and the public.

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- 3. To test the Emergency Operations Center with respect to:
  - a. Adequacy of facilities to support operations under emergency conditions.
  - b. Interface of the organization components.
  - c. Adequacy of resource materials to assist in decisionmaking and in implementation decisions.
  - d. Adequacy of communications systems to maintain contact with other components of the emergency response system.
- 4. To test the ability of the off-site radiological monitoring program to accurately determine the public danger and institute appropriate protective actions. The following items will also be tested:
  - a. Manpower and resource activation and development.
  - b. Adequacy of radiological monitoring equipment.
  - c. Adequacy of the communications system.
  - d. Decontamination procedures.
- To test the ability of the states to establish and direct a News Media Center for the dissemination of public information.
- 6. To test the ability of the state to direct and compel evacuation.
- 7. To test the ability of the state to institute recovery/ re-entry procedures, including the protective actions needed for the Ingestion Pathway EPZ.
- 8. To test the state-law enforcement capabilities to secure evacuated areas, direct traffic, and reduce/mitigate crime under extreme circumstances.
- 9. Effect rumor control.
- 10. To test decision-making related to emergency action levels.

## York, Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties

To test and evaluate the operations of the York, Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties Emergency Operations Center. The specific components tested will include:

 Adequacy of facilities to support operations under emergency conditions.

- 2. Interface of the various organizational components.
- 3. Adequacy of resource materials to assist in decision-making and carrying out protective action recommendations.
- 4. Adequacy of communications systems to maintain contact with county responders and other Emergency Operations Centers.
- 5. Ability of the counties to Alert and Notify the public.
- 6. County radiological monitoring capabilities in support to Radiological Health Personnel and at Shelters.
- 7. Emergency Welfare Service capabilities available to assist evacuees.
- 8. Radiological emergency medical care available to evacuees and to utility personnel as negotiated in Letters of Agreement.
- County law enforcement capabilities to secure evacuated areas, direct traffic, and reduce/mitigate crime under extreme circumstances.
- 10. Effect rumor control.
- 11. Test county fire and medical support on-site and off-site.
- Test sheltering capabilities of affected and host counties in North Carolina.
- 13. Test sheltering capabilities of host counties in South Carolina.

Jointly Submitted:

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