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South Weymouth Naval Air Station Reception Center

This letter is being voluntarily submitted to provide a status on the possible closure of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station (SWNAS) and its impact on emergency planning efforts at Pilgrim Station. Any views or opinions expressed are those of Boston Edison and do not necessarily represent the views of MEMA or other State or Local agencies.

We are actively supporting the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) which has overall responsibility for radiological emergency response planning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MEMA has a letter of agreement with SWNAS for its use as a reception center for evacuees from a potential emergency at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. This naval air station is slated for closure pending final Congressional action.

Boston Edison met with MEMA on August 17th to discuss the strategies of continuation and/or replacement of the facility and to offer our support. Since that time MEMA and Boston Edison have met with the Navy's Base Closure Coordinator (8/30/95) and Base Transition Coordinator (9/8/95) to discuss the staffing and facility status, the base closure timeline and the base transition.

Actual closing of SWNAS could take a couple of years. Sufficient time exists to develop and improve strategies regarding the possible relocation of the reception center. We plan to provide formal semi-annual updates of this project in our Long Term Program (LTP) required by the Pilgrim License.

Our N.R.R. Project Manager, Mr. Ron Eaton, will be kept informed of developments regarding the SWNAS closure planning efforts, as they occur, through routine telephone discussions on plant status. As significant developments occur regarding this issue, we will convey these to our N.R.R. Project Manager with a telephone discussion and will follow-up with a separate letter if the timing of the significant development does not coincide closely with a formal L.T.P. Update Letter.

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