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Mr. J. T. Beckham, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Beckham:

SUBJECT: ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE - PLANT HATCH

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On July 6, 1984, a revision to Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50 was published in the Federal Register (49 FR 27733) which, among other provisions, relaxes the frequency of participation of State and local governments in emergency preparedness exercises. The new rule requires that State and local governments participate in emergency preparedness exercises every 2 years with a provision for remedial exercises to assure that deficiencies are corrected. This new rule will be effective August 6, 1984.

You are not required to perform your next annual exercise until October 13, 1984 because you performed your last full scale exercise on October 13, 1983 with full state and local participation. Inasmuch as the new rule becomes effective on August 6, 1984, it no longer appears that the requested exemption would be necessary. Hence, the NRC staff does not intend to take any further action on your exemption request.

Sincerely,

John F. Stolz, Chief
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George W. Rivenbark, Acting Chief
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You are not required to perform your next annual exercise until October 13, 1984 ~~plus a 90-day grace period~~ because you performed your last full scale exercise on October 13, 1983. ~~Inasmuch as the new rule becomes effective on August 6, 1984, you would be in full compliance with the regulations when the exercise becomes due, therefore precluding the need for an exemption.~~ Hence, the NRC staff does not intend to take any further action on your exemption request.

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