

November 14, 1995

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCY  
DURING THE NOVEMBER 1, 1995 OYSTER CREEK RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Dear Mr. Barton:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Thomas E. Hardy, Acting Regional Director, FEMA Region II, dated November 8, 1995, notifying Colonel Carl A. Williams, State Director of the Office of Emergency Management, of a Deficiency under Objective 3, Direction and Control, for the Barnegat Municipal Emergency Operations Center (BMEOC), during the November 1, 1995, Oyster Creek Radiological Emergency Preparedness exercise. The Barnegat Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) did not initiate appropriate protective actions, upon notification from the Ocean County Emergency Operations Center, until he was prompted to do so by Ocean County. Additionally, the EMC did not implement the organizational procedures in the State Radiological Emergency Response Plan to evacuate the special population of Barnegat Township.

Please provide assistance to offsite officials to address and resolve the identified Deficiency in a timely manner. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By:*

Richard R. Keimig, Chief  
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-219

Enclosure: As stated

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Colonel Carl A. Williams, State Director  
Office of Emergency Management  
State of New Jersey  
Department of Law and Public Safety  
Division of State Police  
P.O. Box 7068  
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Dear Colonel Williams:

This is to officially inform you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) finding of a Deficiency identified under Objective 3, Direction and Control, Barnegat Municipal Emergency Operations Center (BMEOC), during the November 1, 1995, Oyster Creek Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) exercise. FEMA has discussed the exercise events surrounding the assessment of this Deficiency with the FEMA evaluators who were at the Barnegat and Ocean County Emergency Operations Centers (OCEOC), and thoroughly reviewed the documents generated during the exercise.

At 2005, the Barnegat Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) received an Ocean County facimile (11/02/95-7) from the Ocean County EOC indicating the ERPAs to be evacuated. This was based on the protective action decision to evacuate made at 1951 by the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management and contained in EBS message number 3 which was broadcast at 2004. All of Barnegat Township is in ERPAs 3, 4, 8, and 11; all were to be evacuated.

The Barnegat Township EMC did not initiate any protective actions until he was prompted by an Ocean County facimile (11/02/95-10) with the attached EBS message indicating the ERPAs to be evacuated. This facimile was received at 2057. At that time, the EMC began the evacuation process as described in the State Radiological Emergency Response Plan (annex B; pages B-1.1-8,9, and 10). Commencement of this action was reported to the Ocean County EOC at 2101.

The EMC did not implement the organizational procedures in the plan, as referenced above, to evacuate the special population (handicapped and other mobility impaired) of Barnegat Township. The evacuation of special populations was the direct responsibility of Barnegat Township.

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In accordance with FEMA-REP-14, a Deficiency is an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that off-site emergency preparedness was not adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate protective measures can be taken in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

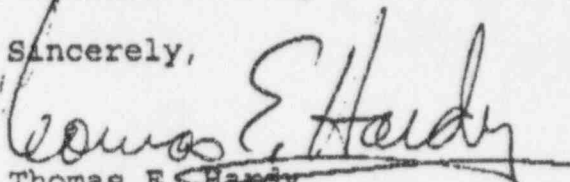
We recognize that, under this scenario, the population of Barnegat Township would not have been subjected to radiation exposure in excess of the PAGs. This does not mitigate the inadequacy of organizational performance during this exercise.

Please respond to Stanley McIntosh, Regional Assistance Committee (RAC) Chairperson, at (212) 225-7204 with the date and time of the pertinent remedial actions and the involved State and county participants within 45 days from the date of this letter.

Because of the potential impact of a Deficiency on the protection of the public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days from the date of your letter responding to my request through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions.

FEMA, if requested, will be pleased to work with you and your staff on the necessary remediations. If there are any questions regarding FEMA's decision relative to this Deficiency or the proposed corrective actions, please contact Stanley McIntosh.

Sincerely,



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Acting Regional Director

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