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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES AT THE

DECEMBER 6, 1995, COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION EXERCISE

Enclosed for your information is a letter from R. L. "Buddy" Young, Regional Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI, dated December 14, 1995, which notified the State of Texas of deficiencies identified during the December 6, 1995, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station exercise.

Two deficiencies were identified. The first deficiency involved the failure of Hood County to meet the 15-minute time limit between the initial decision to issue a protective action recommendation to the public and the initiation of the instructional message over the Emergency Broadcast System. The second deficiency involved the failure of Somervell County to activate the public alerting (siren) system prior to issuing a second public instructional message when additional protective action sections were added to the areas where evacuation was recommended.

We request that you assist off-site officials with corrective actions as necessary and track the State's corrective actions for these deficiencies. Please keep this office informed of the status of resolution of these issues.

Sincerely_

Thomas P. Gwynn. Director Division of Reactor Safety

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Office of the Governor ATTN: Susan Rieff. Director Environmental Policy P.O. Box 12428 Austin. Texas 78711 Chief. Technological Hazards Branch FEMA Region 6 Federal Regional Center 800 North Loop 288 Denton. TX 76201-3698 E-Mail report to D. Nelson (DJN) E-Mail report to NRR Event Tracking System (IPAS)

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December 14, 1995

Mr. Richard Ratliff, Chief Bureau of Radiation Control Texas Department of Health 1100 W. 49th Street Austin, Texas 78756

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

This letter officially informs you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's identification of two Deficiencies which occurred during the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) exercise on December 6, 1995. These issues were discussed during the post-exercise participants briefing on December 7, 1995.

These Deficiencies are being assessed against Hood and Somervell Counties under Objective 10 - Alert and Notification The Deficiency at Hood County resulted from a failure to meet the mandatory 15-minute time limit between the initial decision to issue a protective action recommendation to the public and the initiation of the instructional message over the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). The Deficiency at Somervell County resulted from a failure to activate the public alerting (siren) system prior to issuing a second public instructional message when additional protective action sections were added to the area where evacuation was recommended.

In accordance with 44 CFR 350.9(d) and FEMA-REP-14, we have thoroughly reviewed and discussed this issue with FEMA Headquarters, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA RVI's Regional Assistance Committee (RAC) members. FEMA-REP-14, page C.16-1, defines a Deficiency as "...an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that offsite emergency preparedness is 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 a nuclear power plant." Because of the potential impact of a Deficiency on public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days after the exercise through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions, including plan revisions.

A copy of this letter is being provided to Mr. Tom Millwee at the Texas Division of Emergency Management so that coordination of the State response to these Deficiencies can be accomplished.

Please coordinate with this office the date and time of the pertinent remedial actions, and identity of the State, County and/or local participants within 10 days from the date of this letter.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert Hendrix, Chairman, Regional Assistance Committee, FEMA Region VI, at (817) 898-5118.

incerely,

"Buddy" Young Regional Director

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