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Dissemination of Basic Emergency Planning Information
Within the 10-Mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ)

Gentlemen:

10CFR50, Appendix E. IV. D. 2 requires that "provisions shall be described for yearly dissemination to the public within the plume exposure pathway EPZ of basic emergency planning information..." Entergy Operations is submitting the following information regarding the manner in which basic emergency planning information has been disseminated to the public within the Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) plume exposure pathway EPZ during 1995.

ANO is currently involved in a project to replace tone-alert radios distributed within the 10-mile EPZ with National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios. The use of NOAA weather radios will enhance notifications to the public concerning both nuclear emergencies and weather-related emergencies. Due to delays experienced with this project, which is now scheduled for implementation in April 1996, ANO chose not to re-issue a new Emergency Instructions Booklet (EIB) during 1995. Instead, a "flier" was published and disseminated to the residents/businesses within the 10 mile EPZ. This alternative method provides the required emergency information to the public consistent with the intent of 10CFR50.47 and 10CFR50, Appendix E. IV. D. 2.

This approach has been discussed with representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and documented in a FEMA memorandum from William F. McNutt, Emergency Management Specialist, to Willie Malone, Technical Hazards Program Specialist, dated December 4, 1995. This change to the standard publication schedule for the EIB is necessitated by the switch to NOAA weather radios. ANO plans to disseminate an EIB in the Spring of 1996 and return to fourth quarter production in 1997.

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The basis for the decision to publish a flier in lieu of redistribution of the entire EIB is as follows:

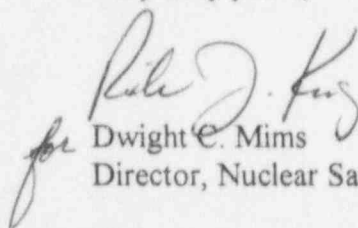
- the information currently distributed to the public in the 1994-1995 EIB is still accurate and up-to-date,
- EIBs for the transient population are still available with sufficient stock necessary until the NOAA weather radios can be distributed. Once NOAA radios go into distribution, the EIB will be updated and distributed to the public, and
- emergency instructions concerning how to cope with a nuclear emergency (e.g., evacuation, sheltering, etc.) are provided in the 1995 River Valley telephone directory published in April 1995.

The information contained in the flier is summarized below. The flier: 1) informed the residents/businesses that the 1994-1995 EIB was still accurate and up-to-date, 2) pointed out that if a nuclear emergency should occur, information concerning how they should respond is additionally contained in the 1995 River Valley telephone book, 3) provided a telephone number to contact for additional information/assistance for any person with a disability, 4) provided information concerning the effects of radiation, and 5) informed the public that the next publication of a new EIB would occur during early 1996.

Emergency Operations believes that the steps taken have assured compliance with regulatory requirements concerning dissemination of emergency planning information to the public. A 10CFR50.54(q) review performed on this matter indicates that the effectiveness of the ANO Emergency Plan has not been decreased and that the health and safety of the public is maintained.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 858-4601.

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