



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Mr. William J. Dircks
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Dircks:

This is in response to your July 22, 1983, letter requesting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide additional information concerning our report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of June 23, 1983, entitled "Findings on the LILCO Transition Plan as requested by the NRC as Part of NRC Licensing of the Shoreham Nuclear Power Station."

Generally, for any non-governmental plan submitted to us for review, our position will be:

1. The plan could be considered adequate, if there are no deficiencies when the plan is reviewed against the NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1 standards.
2. The plan could be implemented, if the organization or persons required to implement planned actions have the authority to do so.
3. FEMA, in its advisory role to NRC, could make a finding that there is reasonable assurance that offsite preparedness is adequate, if a full scale exercise demonstrates that, with the authority and resources, the plan can be carried out effectively.

Specifically with respect to our June 23 report:

- o If the NRC requests, we will review the revised LILCO Transition Plan against the standards and criteria in NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, and if we find that the 34 previously identified deficiencies are corrected, we could certify to the adequacy of the plan.
- o If LILCO is given the authority to perform response roles of Suffolk County personnel, and there is an exercise in which this is demonstrated, FEMA, in its advisory role to the NRC, could make a finding that offsite preparedness is adequate to protect the public living in the vicinity of the Shoreham plant.

With regard to the first point, because of the short time that NRC allowed for the FEMA review of the LILCO Transition Plan we had to modify our procedure and not use the Regional Assistance Committee (RAC). If NRC requests a further review of the LILCO Plan, and there is adequate time, we would want to use the services of the RAC.

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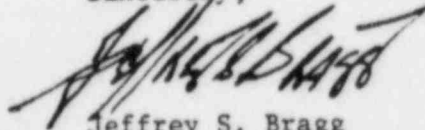
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I also want to emphasize again that there is a real need to resolve the issue of LILCO's legal authority to act in accordance with the plan either in an exercise or during an actual emergency. This problem is one that can be resolved by the State of New York.

FEMA's preference, in any case, is to gain the active participation of State and local governments in the emergency planning and preparedness process related to Shoreham. Perhaps the diesel generator problem at Shoreham will provide more time for the State and Suffolk County to work out the offsite emergency preparedness problem.

This should clarify FEMA's views. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Jeffrey S. Bragg
Executive Deputy Director

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