

May 3, 1988

NOTE TO: Gary Zech, IRB/DOA/AEOD

FROM: Bernie Weiss, IRB/DOA/AEOD

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DICK DONOVAN AND IHOR HUSAR, FEMA

During the day on May 2, I tried to contact Dick Donovan, FEMA RX, and Ihor Husar, FEMA RII, at FEMA HQs. They were both in Washington, D.C. to meet with regard to the upcoming Shoreham and Seabrook exercises. They called me back at home during the evening of May 2.

They told me that there is still some uncertainty at FEMA with regard to the dates of the exercise. Although FEMA has no major objection to the date changes NRC suggested, there is a problem with regard to subpoenas that have been issued to senior FEMA managers that could affect the date changes. A final decision should be made tomorrow before the meeting between NRC and FEMA.

Donovan indicated that FEMA has no problem with the Control Plan we developed for Shoreham and, in particular, they like the idea of a single set of controllers simulating non-participating government entities that would be available for both the Shoreham and Seabrook exercises. However, at this time FEMA would prefer to operate the Control Cell, if possible, with FEMA or FEMA contractor staff. In the case of Shoreham, they think that they can do that without NRC support. However, it is not clear that they can do this for Seabrook. They feel that if the resources for the Seabrook exercise necessitate the use of NRC support for the Control Cell, then they would propose to use NRC staff for both exercises. The final decision to this may not be known until next week sometime. Hopefully, we can get a better idea on this at the May 3 meeting with FEMA. Therefore, it is very possible that NRC would have no direct role in the conduct of the Shoreham and Seabrook exercises except the usual RI evaluation of the onsite emergency plan.

NRC still has a distinct interest in this exercise and how it is conducted. It may be useful to discuss our interests and concerns about the above with NRR prior to the meeting.

8808060153 880707
PDR FOIA
BELAIR88-280 PDR

Bernie Weiss

cc E. Jordan, AEOD
W. Travers, NRR
E. Weinstein, AEOD

C/11