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- Reference:
- (a) Facility Operating License NPF-56, Construction Permit CPPR-136, Docket Nos. 50-443 and 50-444
 - (b) USNRC Letter dated February 3, 1988, William J. Lazarus to Robert J. Harrison
 - (c) PSNH Letter (NYN-88035) dated March 23, 1988, "Revised Seabrook Emergency Exercise Scenario/Objectives," George S. Thomas to William Lazarus
 - (d) PSNH Letter (NYN-88044) dated April 11, 1988, "Seabrook Emergency Exercise Scenario," George S. Thomas to William J. Lazarus
 - (e) PSNH Letter (NYN-87143) dated December 18, 1987, "Seabrook Plan for Massachusetts Communities (SPMC)," George S. Thomas to USNRC
 - (f) PSNH Letter (NYN-88040) dated April 1, 1988, "Page Amendment No. 3 to Seabrook Plan for Massachusetts Communities (SPMC)," George S. Thomas to USNRC
 - (g) PSNH Letter (NYN-88050) dated April 14, 1988, "Page Amendment No. 4 to Seabrook Plan for Massachusetts Communities (SPMC)," George S. Thomas to USNRC
 - (h) State of New Hampshire, Office of Emergency Management Letter, dated April 11, 1988, Richard H. Strome, Director, to Edward A. Thomas, FEMA

Subject: Request for Change in Date of Full Scale Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, a full scale emergency preparedness exercise for Seabrook Station is presently planned for the week of May 23, 1988 [Reference

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(b)]. Training, drills and exercises have been, and are continuing to be, conducted in concert with the State of New Hampshire, the State of Maine and the New Hampshire Yankee Offsite Response Organization (NHY ORO) in preparation for this important milestone. The exercise objectives and the proposed scenario have been submitted to the NRC and FEMA [References (c) and (d)]. A meeting has taken place on April 20, 1988, to obtain the comments of FEMA and the NRC with regard to the exercise logistics, objectives, extent of play, and scenario.

In parallel with these activities, NHY has been responding to the review being conducted by FEMA of the Seabrook Plan for Massachusetts Communities (SPMC) -- a review requested by NHY on December 8, 1987 [Reference (e)]. NHY believes that with the recent submittals of Amendment 3 and 4 to the SPMC [References (f) and (g)], all inadequacies that require resolution prior to an exercise have been appropriately addressed. Similarly, the State of New Hampshire has informed FEMA [Reference (h)] that all New Hampshire Radiological Emergency Response Plan (NHRERP) issues identified by FEMA as being constraints to an exercise have been, or will be, resolved prior to the May exercise. The resultant changes to the plan are now being translated into the training, drill and exercise programs.

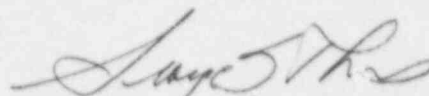
FEMA has informed NHY that the final report on its SPMC review will be issued on or about May 2, 1988. This report will reflect the review of the full Regional Assistance Committee (RAC) and FEMA headquarters. It is expected that some items requiring resolution will be identified. Any plan changes required to resolve concerns raised in this report may also require associated changes in the training and drill program.

The logistics of making changes to the plans, modifying the training modules, scheduling training sessions, and drilling to the revisions can be a difficult and lengthy process even for relatively minor changes. It would therefore be prudent to allow additional time after FEMA's May 2, 1988, report is issued to ensure that this process can be effectively implemented before the exercise. NHY, therefore, formally requests that the Seabrook Station full scale exercise be scheduled for the week of June 26, 1988. Mr. Richard H. Strome, Director, New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management, and Mr. David D. Brown, Director, Maine Emergency Management Agency both concur in this request.

In view of the impact on the schedule for preparatory training and drills, and the need to contract resources for the exercise, your earliest

attention would be appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this request, please call Mr. George Gram at (603) 474-9521, extension 4399.

Very truly yours,


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