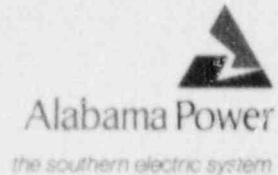


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Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: FEMA ANALYSIS OF THE PROMPT ALERT AND  
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE FARLEY NUCLEAR  
PLANT

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you the status of Alabama Power Company's efforts to provide proposed corrective actions and a retest schedule in regard to the Farley Nuclear Plant Alert and Notification System.

Mr. Douglas M. Collins' letter of February 19, 1988, forwarded FEMA correspondence documenting their analysis of the Farley Nuclear Plant Alert and Notification System. Mr. Collins requested that proposed corrective actions and a proposed retest date be provided within 45 days. By letter dated March 31, Alabama Power provided a review of the actions already taken by Alabama Power which would have addressed the concerns contained in the FEMA report, transmitted a list of questions concerning the FEMA test results which were necessary to allow further analysis of the need for additional corrective action prior to conducting a retest, and requested a 30 day extension in order to obtain and analyze the additional information. Those questions were transmitted to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) on March 31 with a request that they formally request answers from FEMA. Mr. Danny Cooper, Director of AEMA, submitted the questions to Mr. Phillip May, FEMA Region IV Director, on April 4, 1988. Partial responses to questions 1, 2, 4 and 6 were provided verbally by FEMA to Mr. Kenneth McCracken of Alabama Power on April 5 and FEMA indicated that further review of the test data was necessary to provide answers to the questions submitted. By memorandum dated April 28, 1988, Mr. Bob Lilly of AEMA documented the verbal notification by FEMA on April 28, 1988, that FEMA would not be able to respond to the AEMA request for answers to the nine questions for at least six (6) weeks from that date. Because of this delay, a final submittal of any additional proposed corrective action and a retest schedule cannot be provided at this time.

Alabama Power Company has contracted with a public opinion research firm to perform a survey of the tone alert radio portion of the Farley Nuclear Plant Emergency Planning Zone and to conduct focus group sessions in order to help identify any additional public information and education measures that may be

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needed in conjunction with the Farley Nuclear Plant Alert and Notification System. The research data in conjunction with FEMA's response to Alabama Power Company's nine questions should enable Alabama Power to identify what corrective action, if any, is required beyond that already taken and documented in the March 31 letter to the NRC. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the additional information requested from FEMA, Alabama Power will submit to the NRC a schedule for completing any additional corrective action identified and will recommend a retest date subject to final coordination with AEMA, FEMA, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Dothan/Houston County Emergency Management Agency and the Blakely/Early County Emergency Management Agency.

If you have any questions or comments, please advise.

Yours very truly,

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