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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop T4D22A  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Assessments for FEMA Region X Columbia Generating Station,  
Richland, Washington

Dear Ms. Brock:

Pursuant to the FEMA Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19 Memorandum dated May 13, 2020, FEMA Region X completed the assessment for the State of Washington and local communities within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Columbia Generating Station. This assessment included the examination of the local offsite response organizations (OROs), in order to assess their continued capability to adequately respond to an incident at the station.

Based on the assessment conducted and the Region's review of available information gathered in discussions with the OROs, FEMA concludes that offsite radiological emergency preparedness remains adequate to provide "Reasonable Assurance" and that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in a radiological emergency at the station. At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further actions. If FEMA does become aware of any degradation of the offsite infrastructure or a significant reduction in OROs capabilities that could directly impact public health and safety, FEMA stands ready to initiate assessments and forward those findings to the NRC for appropriate review and action.



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Please contact me at 202-436-5838, if you have any questions or require any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:  
RX Assessment - Columbia Generating Station

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**From:** [Hlavaty-LaPosa, Janet](#)  
**To:** [Hart, Hampton](#); [Quinn, Vanessa](#); [Bates, Kerris](#)  
**Subject:** Columbia Generating Assessment  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 5:24:50 PM

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Good afternoon Hampton, Vanessa and Darren,

On May 29, 2020, based on the assessment performed, our review of available information gathered in discussions with the OROs, FEMA Region X has concluded that offsite radiological emergency preparedness (EP) remains adequate to provide “Reasonable Assurance” and that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in a radiological emergency at the Columbia Generating Station. At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further action within the Columbia Generating Station 10-mile emergency planning zone. If FEMA does become aware of any degradation of the offsite infrastructure or a significant reduction in ORO capabilities that could directly impact public health and safety, FEMA stands ready to initiate assessments and forward its findings to the NRC for appropriate review and action.

I will continue to send the daily reports on the effects of COVID-19 on the OROs in the 10- and 50-mile EPZs. Our site specialist Jeremy Jones and I have stayed in constant contact with the OROs, offering support and assistance as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 425-487-4618, or at [janet.hlavaty-laposa@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:janet.hlavaty-laposa@fema.dhs.gov).

Regards, Jan

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