



June 2, 2020

Kathryn Brock  
Director, Division of Preparedness and Response  
Office of Nuclear Security and Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop T4D22A  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Assessments for FEMA Region VII Cooper Nuclear Station

Dear Ms. Brock:

Pursuant to the FEMA Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19 memorandum dated May 13, 2020, FEMA Region VII completed assessment for the State of Nebraska, and local communities within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS). 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 assessments conducted and our 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 the 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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HART JR  
Date: 2020.06.02 10:45:28 -04'00'

Hampton H. Hart, Jr.  
Acting Director  
Technological Hazards Division

Attachment:

RVII Assessment - Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS)

cc: Deputy Administrator, Resilience

Assistant Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate  
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REP Program Branch Chief  
Region VII RAC Chair  
FEMA National Watch Center

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**Subject:** COVID-19 Preparedness Assessment - CNS  
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Provided per the reference noted below:

On 29 May 2020, based on the assessment performed and our review of available information gathered in discussions with the State/OROs, FEMA Region VII has concluded that offsite radiological emergency preparedness (EP) remains adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in a radiological emergency at the **Cooper Nuclear Station** (CNS). At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further action within the CNS 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.

*Reference: FEMA Technological Hazards Division Memorandum dated May 13, 2020, Subject: Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19*

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