

December 1, 1998

Mr. J. E. Cross
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Subject: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IDENTIFIED
DEFICIENCIES DURING THE OCTOBER 6, 1998 BEAVER VALLEY POWER
STATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Dear Mr. Cross:

Enclosed are copies of letters from F. Kevin Koob, Regional Assistance Committee Chairman, FEMA Region III, dated October 30, 1998, to Mr. John W. Pack Jr., Director, Office of Emergency Services, and Mr. Charles F. Wynne, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, regarding the Deficiencies assessed during the October 6, 1998 exercise against Hancock County, West Virginia and Beaver County, Pennsylvania, respectively.

The Hancock County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was assessed a Deficiency under Objective 11 (of FEMA-REP-14, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Exercise Manual), Public Instructions and Emergency Information, because the county EOC staff did not satisfactorily provide and disseminate emergency instructional messages to the public within the 10-mile plume pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ). The Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio station did not participate in the exercise.

The Beaver County EOC was assessed a Deficiency under Objective 10, Alert and Notification (A&N), because the county EOC staff, on three consecutive sequences, did not satisfactorily alert and notify the public within the 10-mile EPZ and disseminate instructional messages to the public. Three A&N sequences were not completed within the required 15 minutes.

The Beaver County EOC was also assessed a Deficiency under Objective 11, because the EOC staff did not adequately demonstrate the capability to coordinate the formulation and dissemination of accurate information and instructions to the public through EAS messages and news releases.

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Please provide assistance to offsite officials to address and resolve the identified Deficiencies on a timely basis. We will be contacting Mr. Bob Kahler of your staff to monitor your efforts to work with the counties to correct the Deficiencies. If you have any questions concerning this enclosure, please contact me or Mr. William Maier at (610) 337-5136.

Sincerely,

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Michael C. Modes, Chief
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Docket Nos. 50-334
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Mr. John W. Pack, Jr.
Director, Office of Emergency Services
Building 1, Room EB-80
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0360

Dear Mr. Pack: ~

The purpose of this letter is to officially inform you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) identification of a Deficiency that occurred during the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise conducted on October 6, 1998.

A Deficiency is being assessed against Hancock County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under Objective 11; Public Instructions and Emergency Information. The Deficiency resulted because of the county EOC staff's failure to satisfactorily provide and disseminate emergency instructional messages to the public within the 10-mile plume pathway emergency planning zone. The Emergency Alert System radio station did not participate in the exercise.

In accordance with 44 CFR 350.9(d) and FEMA-REP-14, we have thoroughly reviewed and discussed this issue with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA Region III's Regional Assistance Committee. FEMA-REP-14 defines a Deficiency as "...an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that offsite emergency preparedness is not adequate to provide reasonable assurance that appropriate protective measures can be taken in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant." Because of the potential impact of a Deficiency on the protection of the

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public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days from the date of this letter, through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions.

Please coordinate with this office the date and time of the pertinent remedial actions and identity of the State, county, participants within 30 days of this letter.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 931-5576.

Sincerely,

F. Kevin Koob
Regional Assistance Committee
Chairman

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OCT 30 1998

Mr. Charles F. Wynne
Director, Pennsylvania Emergency
Management Agency
P.O. Box 3321
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3321

Dear Mr. Wynne:

The purpose of this letter is to officially inform you of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) identification of two Deficiencies that occurred during the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Exercise conducted on October 6, 1998.

A Deficiency is being assessed against Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under Objective 10; Alert and Notification (A&N). The Deficiency resulted because of the county EOC staff's failure on three consecutive sequences, to satisfactorily alert and notify the public within the 10-mile plume pathway emergency planning zone and disseminate instructional messages to the public on the basis of decisions by appropriate State officials. Three alert and notification (A&N) sequences were not completed within the required 15 minutes.

A Deficiency is also being assessed against Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under Objective 11; Public Instructions and Emergency Information. This Deficiency resulted because of the county EOC staff's failure to adequately demonstrate the capability to coordinate the formulation and dissemination of accurate information and instructions to the public through Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages and news releases.

In accordance with 44 CFR 350.9(d) and FEMA-REP-14, we have thoroughly reviewed and discussed these issues with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and FEMA Region III's Regional Assistance Committee. FEMA-REP-14 defines a Deficiency as "...an observed or identified inadequacy of organizational performance in an exercise that could cause a finding that offsite emergency preparedness is not adequate to provide reasonable assurance that

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appropriate protective measures can be taken in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the health and safety of the public living in the vicinity of a nuclear power plant." Because of the potential impact of a Deficiency on the protection of the public health and safety, it should be corrected within 120 days from the date of this letter, through appropriate remedial actions, including remedial exercises, drills, or other actions.

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