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June 4, 1999

Vanessa E. Quinn, Acting Chief  
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch  
Chemical and Radiological Preparedness Division  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Ms Quinn:

This is to request the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review a petition submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under 10 CFR 2.206 of the NRC's rules. The petition concerns offsite emergency preparedness (EP) issues for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station.

On April 14, 1999, Mr. Scott Cullen, on behalf of several petitioners, submitted a request to the NRC for two separate actions under 10 CFR 2.206. A copy of this submittal was provided informally to FEMA in accordance with the NRC/FEMA staff procedure for responding to offsite issues raised by members of the public, and is enclosed with this letter. In the first petition request, the petitioners contend that the Millstone site is not in compliance with emergency planning requirements because Fishers Island, New York, located within the 10-mile plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ), does not have a functional emergency plan due primarily to inadequacies in the planning for evacuation of the island by ferry transport. In the second petition request, the petitioners contend that the factors of "demography, topography, land characteristics, access routes, and jurisdictional boundaries" were not properly taken into consideration in the determination of the 10-mile EPZ, and that the 10-mile EPZ should be expanded to include the eastern end of Long Island.

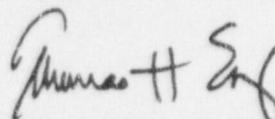
In a response on May 14, 1999, the NRC informed Mr. Cullen that (1) the NRC, with the assistance of FEMA, would evaluate the areas related to the adequacy of emergency planning for Fishers Island identified in the first petition, and (2) the second petition request concerning expansion of the 10-mile EPZ did not satisfy the criteria for consideration as a 10 CFR 2.206 petition. A copy of the NRC May 14, 1999, letter to Mr. Cullen was provided in advance to FEMA. The complete response to Mr. Cullen including the enclosures to the May 14, 1999, letter is enclosed.

Enclosure

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As discussed with FEMA staff, we request that FEMA's evaluation of the areas related to the adequacy of emergency planning identified in the Fishers Island petition be provided by August 16, 1999, in order to meet the four month response schedule indicated in NRC Management Directive 8.11, "Review Process for 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions." We are available to meet with FEMA staff either at FEMA Headquarters or at your Regional office to further discuss this request. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Falk Kantor of my staff at (301) 415-2907.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Essig, Chief  
Emergency Preparedness and Health  
Physics Section  
Operator Licensing, Human Factors, and  
Plant Support Branch  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: (1) 10 CFR 2.206 Petition Requests, April 14, 1999  
(2) Response to Mr. Scott Cullen, May 14, 1999

We will contact you periodically to update you on the progress of our evaluation. If, in the meantime, you need to contact the NRC staff, you may contact me at 301-415-1278, or by e-mail at JAN1@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:  
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Enclosure: June 4, 1999, letter to Vanessa E. Quinn, FEMA  
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