



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-293

Mr. Ralph G. Bird
Senior Vice President-Nuclear
800 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02199

SUBJECT: FEMA REPORT ON OFFSITE EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR PILGRIM

Dear Mr. Bird:

Enclosed is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) report titled, "Self-Initiated Review and Interim Finding for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station," which was transmitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by memorandum dated August 6, 1987. Based on a review of the overall state of offsite emergency preparedness for Pilgrim, FEMA has concluded that Massachusetts offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness are inadequate to protect the public health and safety in the event of an accident at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. This finding by FEMA supersedes FEMA's previous interim finding of adequacy regarding offsite emergency preparedness for Pilgrim.

FEMA has identified six issues during the course of its review:

1. Lack of evacuation plans for public and private schools and daycare centers.
2. Lack of a reception center for people evacuating to the north.
3. Lack of identifiable public shelters for the beach population.
4. Inadequate planning for the evacuation of the special needs population.
5. Inadequate planning for the evacuation of the transportation dependent population.
6. Overall lack of progress in planning and apparent diminution in emergency preparedness.

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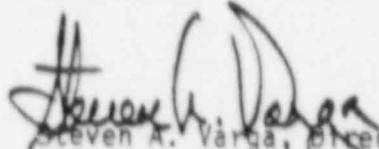
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The FEMA report also addressed the seven alleged deficiencies in emergency planning identified in William P. Golden's July 15, 1986 Petition to the NRC. FEMA found that while these areas of plan weakness were not sufficient to sustain the contentions raised in the Petition, resolution of these weaknesses would enhance the State's ability to protect the public.

We view the emergency planning issues identified by FEMA to be a matter of serious concern. The determination to restart the Pilgrim plant will involve, in part, consideration of the FEMA identified emergency planning issues. We are aware that you are providing assistance and information to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to several of these issues. We request that you respond to us with an action plan and schedule for assisting the State and local governments in addressing the FEMA identified emergency planning issues for Pilgrim.

Please contact the Project Manager if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:
As stated