October 25, 1999

Mr. Andre-Claude Lacoste, Director Nuclear Installation Safety Directorate Route du Panorama Robert Schuman B.P. n° 83 92266 Fontenay Aux Roses Cedex France

Dear Mr. Lacoste:

Thank you for your letter inviting the NRC to observe the emergency preparedness exercise on November 18 and 19, 1999, at the Golfech Nuclear Power Plant. We are arranging to have two experienced NRC staff members travel to the Golfech site. The two individuals, Falk Kantor, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Gail Good, Region IV, are available to exchange emergency preparedness information over a broad range of issues, including the topics listed in your invitation letter.

I have asked Mr. Kantor and Ms. Good to contact Mr. Yves Landure of your staff to address any suggestions or issues prior to arriving in France. We look forward to participating with your staff in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Oliginal Signed by Sect J. Papertello

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