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Mr. Russell Salter  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, D.C., 20472

Dear Mr. Salter:

On November 4, 1999, your staff provided a draft FEMA REP Program Y2K Seminar Final Report to our staff for review and comment. As requested, members of our staff reviewed this document and provided the following comments:

- The report should reflect that, as of October 29, 1999, all 103 operating U.S. nuclear plants have reported they are Y2K ready as stated in NRC Press Release No. 99-240, "NRC Confirms That All Nuclear Power Plants Are Fully Y2K Ready," dated November 8, 1999. The following text is a portion of this press release:

"The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received notification by all 103 operating nuclear power plants that they have completed remediation efforts to be fully 'Y2K ready'-that is, all plant systems involved with safety, power generation, and plant support are now prepared to roll over into the year 2000 without computer problems."

"Safety-related systems at all 103 plants have been Y2K ready since July 1, [1999]. At that time, [68] of the plants were declared fully Y2K ready while 35 had remaining work on non-safety systems (those systems involved with power generation and plant support). During the past [4] months, NRC has confirmed satisfactory completion of the remaining work that has resulted in all plants now being fully Y2K ready."

"Based on our review of responses from the nuclear power industry concerning Y2K readiness, our independent inspection efforts at all 103 plants, and our ongoing regulatory oversight activities; we conclude that the Y2K problem will not adversely affect the continued safe operation of U.S. nuclear power plants and should contribute to grid stability during the transition period."

"Detailed information on NRC's Y2K activities [is] available on the web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NEWS/year2000.html>."

- The Executive Summary is too lengthy and contains too many details.
- The first sentence of paragraph 2, in the Executive Summary should be rewritten to read, "... the results of the seminars indicated that ...," instead of saying, "... the seminars showed ...."

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- The last sentence of the Executive Summary is poorly structured.
- The first sentence in the section entitled, "Summary of Processes Used to Collect Data," stated that the FEMA RAC Chairman coordinated the conduct of seminars in all FEMA REP regions. However, paragraph 3 notes that certain FEMA regions did not conduct seminars. Additionally, the end of paragraph 3 states that this report does not reflect the status of FEMA Region IV or the State of Arizona in FEMA Region IX. This appears to be in conflict with paragraph 1 and the Executive Summary, which state that seminars were conducted in all regions.

Thank you for including us in your review process. We appreciate the opportunity to work together for a common good. Please contact me at (301) 415-7476 or via E-mail ([FJC@nrc.gov](mailto:FJC@nrc.gov)) if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles L. Miller for

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