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

ALL POWER REACTOR LICENSEES

Gentlemen:

This letter is being sent to all licensees authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor and to all applicants with application for a license to operate a power reactor (FSAR docketed).

The NRC recently held regional meetings to discuss the recent impacts on emergency planning and the current regulations, guidance documents and reports concerning emergency planning. At these meetings, the NRR staff explained that the upgraded emergency plans would be required five weeks after the NRR review team site visit. Due to subsequent meetings with many licensees and applicants, the staff has determined that it is necessary to revise the plan preparation and submittal time.

The upgraded emergency plans for all facilities listed number one through number three in enclosure 1 should be submitted, as previously scheduled, five weeks after the NRR review team site visit. The upgraded emergency plans for all facilities listed number four through nine should be submitted by January 1, 1980. This schedule provides for a longer preparation time for the majority of facilities and provides the staff with a more detailed plan to review prior to the site visit.

The upgraded emergency plans should be submitted in accordance with the format of Regulatory Guide 1.101. The upgraded emergency plans will be evaluated against the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50, the regulatory positions set forth in Regulatory Guide 1.101, and the acceptance criteria contained in Emergency Planning Review Guidelines Number One - Revision One dated September 7, 1979 (enclosed).

Enclosed for your information and use is a document on the basis for emergency actions levels that has been provided to the review teams for interim use. Your comments on this document are requested. Comments should be sent to the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. All comments received by December 1, 1979 will be considered by the Commission.

The NRR staff is continuing their efforts to develop a model plan and will strive to complete their developmental work at the earliest possible date.

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Each licensee should provide copies of this material to the cognizant State,

local entities and also known regional Federal offices involved in emergency preparedness activities. Each licensee will have the responsibility of making arrangements for discussions between the NRC teams and State and local officials during the team site visits.

For further information or comments please contact Mr. Frank G. Pagano on (301) 492-7846.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Emergency Planning Review
Responsibility and Order
of Review dated
September 7, 1979
2. Emergency Planning Review
Guideline Number One -
Revision One dated
September 7, 1979
3. Basis for Emergency Action
Levels for Nuclear Power
Facilities dated
September 14, 1979

cc w/enclosures:

Service List

Federal Regional Advisory Teams