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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Gibson:

This letter is in response to your request dated February 7, 2002, concerning an individual's concerns regarding evacuation plans for Forked River Beach Community, which is within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Generating Station (NPGS).

The Regional Assistance Committee Chair of FEMA Region II has provided the enclosed documents that reflect Region II's assessment of the adequacy of the Beach Boulevard evacuation route in the Forked River Beach Community.

Based on the enclosed documentation, we support Region II's conclusion that the Ocean County's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plans in the State of New Jersey for the plume exposure emergency planning zone around the Oyster Creek NPGS are adequate.

I trust the enclosed documentation is responsive to your request. Please contact Pat Tenorio of my staff at (202) 646-2870, should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Vanessa E. Quinn

Chief

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch

Enclosures



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Region II

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vanessa E. Quinn, Chief
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch

FROM: Brian Hasemann
Acting RAC Chair
FEMA Region II

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DATE: March 7, 2002

SUBJECT: Response to the NRC request for information on the Ocean County
REP Plan for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Generation Station in
the event of an evacuation of the Forked River Beach Community

The purpose of this memorandum is to answer the questions raised in a concerned individual's letter that was forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a response on evacuation planning for the community of Forked River Beach (Emergency Response Planning Area # 1) located in Lacey Township, in Ocean County, New Jersey.

The first issue raised concerns two bridges on the evacuation route that must be crossed while traveling west on Beach Boulevard to reach the main evacuation route of State Route 9 to proceed to a reception center. In the event of a traffic impediment or traffic flow problems on any of the bridges during an evacuation as a result of a radiological emergency, or be it from a hurricane or a nor'easter, the responsibility to clear traffic impediments in any event belongs to the Lacey Township Police Department. If additional resources are needed to assist the Lacey Township Police Department in the removal of traffic impediments, help can be requested from the New Jersey State Police, the Ocean County Road Department, and local Volunteer Fire Departments. Since this is an evacuation route as identified in the Ocean County REP Plan, as it is in other emergency preparedness plans for natural hazards, any impediments effecting this evacuation route would be responded to immediately and on a priority basis.

The second issue raised by the concerned individual is the use and access to a road for emergency purposes that runs through an old farm that is now on land owned by the Utility, AmerGen Energy Company. AmerGen has agreed to make the roadway available for use as an emergency access road for emergency evacuation only, as stated in a letter dated October 30, 2001, from the Utility, to the Mayor of Lacey Township, Ronald Sterling. A copy of this letter is attached as well

as other correspondence relating to this subject.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please call me at (212) 680 - 3689.

Attachments

AmerGenTM

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC
Oyster Creek
115 Route 2 South
PO Box 388
Forked River, NJ 08731-0388

An Exelon/British Energy Company

October 30, 2001

*Ronald Sterling, Mayor
Township of Lacey
818 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731*

Dear Mr. Sterling,

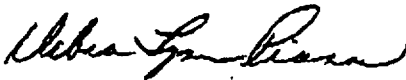
This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated October 5, 2001 requesting Mr. DeGregorio's help regarding the emergency access road which crosses Finninger's Farm.

As stated in the February 17, 2000 letter, AmerGen recognizes the benefit that this would provide to the community. Mr. DeGregorio was pleased to inform you that AmerGen would honor the right-of-way leases that are currently in effect for your use of these areas. Therefore, you have permission to allow your Department of Public Works personnel to complete the necessary maintenance on the emergency access road and to install a sign stating that is for emergency evacuation only.

Please contact Debra Piana, Sr. Communications Representative prior to your personnel conducting this work so that the proper notifications and clearances can be made.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter. If you should have further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (609) 971-2180.

Sincerely,



Debra Lynn Piana