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CONCERNS INVOLVING OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Dear Ms. Quinn:

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Ms. Sturfels lives in Ocean County, which is located within the 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) of Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. She contends that since Oyster Creek was commissioned, the population around the plant has significantly increased, notably the senior citizen population. Based on the limited number of major roadways, construction on the auxiliary routes, lack of mass transportation and increase in the number of senior citizens, she believes that the evacuation plans are inadequate. Additionally, she contends that shore visitors and tourists during the summer time aggravate this situation. Ms. Sturfels also believes that the evacuation plan for school children is inadequate since there are not enough buses available to provide for timely and effective evacuation.

Please review these issues, and provide us with a report of the results of your review. This matter was discussed between our respective staff, and a date of October 31, 2005, has been selected as a proposed goal for FEMA's response to this request for assistance. Please let us know if this date is not acceptable. Should you need any assistance with this matter, please contact Mr. Prosanta Chowdhury of my staff at 301-415-1647.

Sincerely,

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