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July 28, 2011

Ron McCabe, RAC Chairman/Chief  
Technological Branch, Preparedness Division  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region VII  
9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300  
Kansas City, MO 64114-3372

RE: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2011  
FORT CALHOUN NUCLEAR STATION EVALUATED EXERCISE

Dear Mr. McCabe,

The Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station (FCNS) is requesting a one-time deferral from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the 2011 Emergency Response Exercise which includes the FEMA evaluation of Offsite Response Organizations. We request this deferral until sometime in the year 2012 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12. This deferral is necessary due to the unprecedented flooding conditions on the Missouri River. Plant personnel, as well as offsite, state, local and federal agencies who are required to participate in the FCNS biennial emergency preparedness exercise are directly involved in response and recovery efforts associated with the Missouri River flooding in their own jurisdictions.

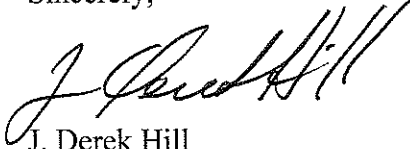
Flooding conditions have had a major impact on the emergency management agencies in Nebraska and Iowa and their local communities. Continued support of ongoing efforts by the affected offsite state, local and federal agencies is in the best interest of public safety and allows these agencies to fully focus on the flood conditions.

For this reason, the State of Iowa supports Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station in their decision to ask the NRC to postpone the graded exercise until the year 2012.

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If you have any questions pertaining to this request, please contact Joyce Flinn, Readiness and Response Bureau Chief at 515-323-4210 or email her [joyce.flinn@iowa.gov](mailto:joyce.flinn@iowa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Derek Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Hill" clearly distinguishable.

J. Derek Hill  
Homeland Security Advisor / Emergency Management Administrator

CC: Al Berndt, Nebraska Emergency Management  
Bill Maier, NRC  
Steve Gebers, OPPD