



FEMA

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Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Ricketts:


On January 11, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) planned to grant an exemption to the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) from certain provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 50.54(q) concerning offsite emergency response planning. Upon its effective date, which shall be no sooner than April 7, 2018, this exemption allows OPPD to discontinue offsite radiological emergency planning activities and no longer requires FEMA to review, monitor, and report activities to the NRC associated with offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness for Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station (FCNS).

This letter serves to officially notify the State of Nebraska that as a result of this exemption by the NRC, FEMA's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program will discontinue all offsite emergency planning and preparedness activities for the site, effective no sooner than April 7, 2018. However, as we collaborate with our partners at the NRC to formalize the decommissioning process and associated requirements, we will seek to identify opportunities to assist the State, and the involved counties, to continue to assure radiological emergency preparedness in Nebraska. It should be noted that this action in no way impacts FEMA's continued partnership with Nebraska concerning offsite emergency planning and preparedness for the Cooper Nuclear Station. Further, the technical assistance program operated by FEMA's National Integration Center, in coordination with FEMA Region VII, remains available to support all-hazards emergency planning and preparedness activities.

FEMA would like to commend the staff from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and Washington, Douglas, and Dodge Counties for their dedicated participation in the offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities for the FCNS for the past 37 years, and for updating their all-hazards preparedness plans as the FCNS site commences decommissioning activities.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Paul Taylor, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VII, at (816) 283-7017, or Mr. Hampton Hart, Director (Acting) FEMA Technological Hazards Division, at (202) 786-9580.

Sincerely,



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