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Dear Mr. Denton:

1980 EMERGENCY DRILL - SURRY POWER STATION

This letter is to notify you of a deferral of the deadline for execution of the Surry Power Station Emergency Drill from September 10, 1980, to December 31, 1980. The reasons for this deferral are delineated below:

1. Early in 1980, NUREG 0654, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Response Plans" was issued by the NRC. The requirements to comply with this NUREG necessitated a complete rewrite of the Surry Emergency Plan. This rewrite was completed and forwarded to the NRC on June 16, 1980. We are currently awaiting approval of the revised Plan.
2. Surry Technical Specifications require an annual activation of the Emergency Plan for the purpose of a drill. The last drill was performed on June 10, 1979, and the present schedule calls for another drill to be performed on September 10, 1980. Without approval of the revised Plan, this drill will have to be performed according to the old Plan.
3. As a result of NUREG 0654, the Corporate Emergency Response Plan and the North Anna Emergency Plan were revised extensively. The revised Surry Plan is consistent with the new Corporate and North Anna Plans. The old Surry Plan, however, is not consistent with the latest Corporate Plan, and an exercise of the old Surry Plan would not be appropriate in light of the new Corporate Plan. The inconsistencies could cause considerable confusion and would not accurately portray the intended response to a radiological emergency.

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4. The extension of the time to perform the required drill until December 31, 1980, will allow time for the new Plan to be implemented and personnel to be trained. The deferral would allow exercise of the new Surry Plan consistent with the Corporate Plan and would permit incorporation of Commission recommendations resulting from the August 16, 1980, Joint Emergency Exercise recently completed by North Anna.

In the event that the new Surry Plan is not approved in time, the old Plan will be exercised by December 31, 1980. We hope that this action meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,



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