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Mr Marvin Mendonca
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PDNP
M.S. 11-B20
Washington DC 20555

Subject: Univ. Of Utah Emergency Plan

Dear Marvin:

The emergency plan and procedures are the cornerstone of an effective program that assures the safety of students and staff during an emergency situation. I am concerned that the NRC as an agency is inadvertently sending a message that emergency preparedness is unimportant by not responding, in a timely matter, to the changes to the Emergency Plan which were submitted to your agency sometime ago. The University of Utah is currently operating on a 1984 deficient emergency plan. While I will not address the historical problems that have plagued the review of past plans, the personnel from the University and the NRC must share the burden for adding to the delays in implementing a new NRC approved plan.

Based on our recent phone conversation, I believe you share my concern and desire to complete the upgrade process in our emergency preparedness program. Therefore, I am requesting your assistance in accelerating the review process of our plan dated Nov. 1992. Members of our reactor safety committee have requested that I add their concern in the delays in receiving Dr. L. K. Cohen's comments and any other relevant material that will assist us in the successful completion of our task. The committee considers this an urgent matter and would like to review revisions by the next RSC meeting scheduled for June 9, 1993.

I anticipate hearing from you in the near future concerning this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at 801- 581-8499.

Respectfully,

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