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Mr. Robert Clark, Chief
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Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Fort St. Vrain Unit No. 1
Emergency Warning System

REFERENCE: ORNL Report TM-8171

Dear Mr. Clark:

We are in receipt of the above referenced report, and after our review I can only state that based on report content, we are not in a position to make any specific comments. The evaluation was apparently made prior to the installation of our tone alert system. I recognize in the "Abstract" that it is stated that subsequent to completion of the report the early warning system was installed, but then the report goes on to state that the findings of the study are still valid.

I guess we would agree that in terms of the broad issues of emergency warning systems the report is valid. In terms of specific references regarding the effectiveness or improvements needed in the Fort St. Vrain system, the report findings are invalid.

It is reassuring to note that ORNL supports our original contention that the need for the tone alert radios or sirens is highly questionable for Fort St. Vrain. Given the fact that the tone alert system has been installed, however, the specific findings and recommendations for Fort St. Vrain are somewhat useless.

The report does contain some interesting facts and concepts that can perhaps be utilized as we continue to develop our program, and to this end we will distribute the report to the appropriate State officials and the local FEMA Office.

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While the report has minimal immediate value to Fort St. Vrain, perhaps it will serve to further strengthen our position that all reactors are not created equal, and that regulators should consider this fact prior to issuing broad, all encompassing, regulations.

Very truly yours,

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