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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
NRC Exercise Exemption Request

Gentlemen:

Our letter dated December 30, 1983, (ØCAN1283Ø8) requested exemption from the NRC regulation requiring a full scale emergency planning exercise in 1984. At the request of the NRC Region IV emergency planning staff, additional information is attached to support the basis for this exemption.

Very truly yours,

John R. Marshall
Manager, Licensing

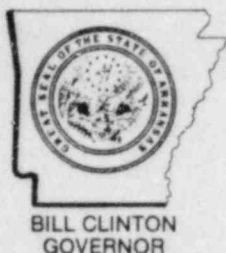
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BEN N. SALTZMAN, M.D.
DIRECTOR

January 16, 1984

John Marshall
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Dear John:

The State of Arkansas, following implementation of FEMA's final rule, 44CFR 350, on October 28, 1983 petitioned FEMA, Region VI, for an exemption to the requirement for a full participation exercise in 1984.

This request was made based on several factors.

First, three successful exercises have been conducted during the years 1981, 1982 and 1983. These exercises fully tested not only State-level organizations for their ability to assess off-site impact and recommend appropriate protective actions, but also tested comprehensively county and city government's ability to efficiently and effectively implement protective actions. The exercises addressed the entire process from notification and mobilization thru evacuation and congregate care. In each case FEMA's evaluation was that the plans were adequate to protect the public health and safety in the event of an accident at Arkansas Nuclear One. Some areas for improvement were discussed following every exercise and a concerted effort made to improve all aspects of the state of off-site preparedness. These efforts have included streamlining the dissemination of critical information to local government and the public, implementation of an intensified training program for local emergency workers including hospital personnel, and improvement in the efficiency of the State-Utility interface. The result has been a demonstrated capability to respond to and deal with a radiological situation in a manner that will protect the public.

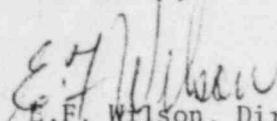
Secondly, since a sustained ability to implement our radiological emergency plans has been demonstrated over the last three years, we felt that local government resources already strained by actual natural disasters such as state-wide flooding in 1982 and wide spread tornado damage in both 1982 and 1983 would best serve the public employed in activities other than another full-participation exercise in 1984.

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Finally with the publishing of final rule 44CFR 350, and having met the criteria of a full-participation exercise within one year prior to the effective date of the rule, the State of Arkansas asked for official sanction to go to a biennial exercise schedule, FEMA Region VI forwarded our request to FEMA headquarters and headquarters approved our request (see attached).

Under the criteria, a full-participation exercise will be held in the spring of 1985, with several drills occurring during the interim to ensure the maintenance of an appropriate response posture.

Sincerely,



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January 3, 1984

Mr. E. F. Wilson
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Radiation Control and Emergency Management Programs
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is to confirm a telephone conversation between a member of my Natural and Technological Hazards Staff and Mr. Martin Tull on January 3, 1984, concerning Arkansas exemption for annual exercise in March 1984. The National FEMA office advised the following:

As a result of the participation of these jurisdictions in a full-scale (now referred to as full-participation) exercise between October 1982 and the present, they are eligible to go to biennial frequency. This means that the local jurisdictions will be required to participate in an exercise with Arkansas Nuclear One within two years of the date of the last full-scale exercise.

We have advised the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that the State of Arkansas and local governments within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone of Arkansas Nuclear One are not required to participate in the Arkansas Nuclear One exercise scheduled for March 12, 1984, based on the provisions of 44 CFR 350.9. We also expressed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support of any licensee request for exemption from NRC's rule 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV F.1. requiring annual exercise participation by State and local governments.

We will keep you advised of any action by NRC on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Stephens
Regional Director

cc: Leon McGoogan
State of Arkansas

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NRC Region IV