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MEMORANDUM FOR: Edward L. Jordan
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM: *Richard W. Krimm*
Richard W. Krimm
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SUBJECT: Status of the Beaver Valley Power Station Category A
Deficiency

On August 30, 1984, copies of the exercise report on the offsite radiological emergency preparedness exercise for the Beaver Valley Power Station were forwarded to you. As a result of that exercise, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania received a Category A deficiency because the alert and notification system was not activated within the 15-minute timeframe as required in NUREG-0654/FEMA REP-1 Rev.1, and FEMA-43.

Since that exercise, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency has advised FEMA Region III that the Beaver County government has been reorganized such that the Beaver County Communications Center is now under the direct control of the Beaver County Office of Emergency Services. As a result of this reorganization, the Emergency Management Coordinator now has the ability to simultaneously notify the 27 municipalities in the Beaver County portion of the 10-mile emergency planning zone and should be able to complete the alert and notification process within 15-minutes.

A remedial exercise with participation by Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and the affected local jurisdictions has been scheduled for February 25, 1985, to address this Category A deficiency. We will provide you the results of the remedial exercise shortly after it is conducted.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Robert S. Wilkerson, Chief, Technological Hazards Division, at 287-0200.

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REGION III

JAN 8 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Samuel W. Speck, Associate Director
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ATTENTION: Robert S. Wilkerson, Chief
Technological Hazards Division

FROM: Paul P. Giordano
Regional Director

SUBJECT: Category "A" Deficiency, Beaver Valley
Exercise, June 27, 1984

On June 27, 1984, a full-participation exercise was held for the Beaver Valley Power Station. As a result of that exercise the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency received a Category "A" deficiency. The deficiency was given because the alert and notification system was not activated within the 15 minute timeframe called for in NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1 and FEMA-43.

Since the exercise was held, the Beaver County government has undergone a reorganization which places the Beaver County Communications Center under the direct control of the Beaver County Office of Emergency Services; the Director of this agency is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Beaver County. With this consolidation, the Emergency Management Coordinator now has the ability to simultaneously notify the 27 municipalities in Beaver County within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of the Beaver Valley Power Station.

During a meeting held in the FEMA Region III Regional Director's office on December 21, 1984, Robert Wilkerson, Chief, Technological Hazards Division, informed FEMA Region III RAC Chairman and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that a supplemental exercise would be required to demonstrate the capability to notify all jurisdictions in the 10-mile EPZ of Beaver Valley within the 15 minutes required by NUREG-0654 and FEMA-43. The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency agreed to participate in the supplemental exercise.

FEMA Region III has not been advised of the date for the supplemental exercise. As soon as we do receive this information we will advise your office. The Technological Hazards Branch will observe the exercise and submit a written report on our observations to you.

If you have any further questions, please contact the FEMA Region III RAC Chairman, James R. Asher, at 597-8664.

cc: John L. Patten, Director
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December 3, 1984

Mr. Paul P. Giordano
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Dear Mr. Giordano:

Beaver County has made some administrative changes recently that now make it possible for Mr. Chiodo, the county emergency management coordinator, to fully utilize the Beaver County Communications Center. This enables him to communicate via radio instantly with the 54 political subdivisions in the county, including the 27 that are situated in the 10-mile emergency planning zone surrounding the nuclear facility at Shippingport. A copy of a letter from Mr. Chiodo explaining this recent change is enclosed.

Annex E, which is our plan governing a response to accidents at fixed nuclear facilities, permits county emergency management coordinators to recommend protective actions, to include sheltering, without involving elected officials. This permits the coordinators to act quickly if fast-moving events demand such rapid decision-making. This part of Annex E, for your information, follows.

In a worst case situation at a fixed nuclear facility involving actual or imminent core degradation or potential loss of containment, the facility may declare a General Emergency to include a recommendation of protective actions to be taken. This classification could be announced bypassing all lesser classifications, e.g., Alert and Site Emergency.

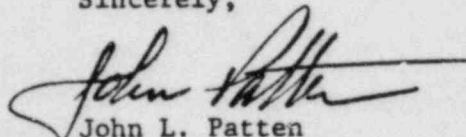
Under this circumstance, upon receiving notification from the facility or PEMA of the General Emergency, PEMA and the risk counties have the authority to advise the public to take sheltering action.

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Because of the changes made in Beaver County and the capability of county emergency management coordinators to act quickly when circumstances require that, it is my firm belief that a supplemental exercise for Beaver County is not necessary and none, accordingly, will be scheduled.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



John L. Patten
Director

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Enclosure

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November 13, 1984

Mr. John Patten, Director
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Dear Mr. Patten;

There have been administrative changes in Beaver County Government resulting in a consolidation of departments in an effort to facilitate economic realities which have beset the County in the past two (2) years. In order that the Commonwealth agencies understand these changes, consider this letter an explanation, as your agency and mine are responsible for the minimization and mitigation of any substantial emergencies which may occur in the County.

The Beaver County Office of Emergency Services, as an agency, encompasses the following:

- 1) Beaver County Emergency Management Agency
- 2) Beaver County Emergency Medical Services
- 3) Beaver County Communications Center
 - a) police dispatch (radio)
 - b) fire dispatch (radio)
 - c) ambulance dispatch (radio)

Although personally, this requires a greater effort; such a consolidation will dictate a cohesiveness of emergency communications and function; the product of which will enhance an already proficient response effort throughout the County.

As poignantly displayed in the most recent Beaver Valley Power Station exercise (June 27, 1984), the proficiency and expedition of emergency communications and response will most assuredly be guaranteed by this consolidation.

In addition, recently passed legislation, (Act 147, a Radiation Protection Act) will further solidify an ideal response effort as the funds from this Act made available to the County will enable Beaver County to upgrade, or possibly replace, our antiquated communication consoles with state-of-the-art equipment.

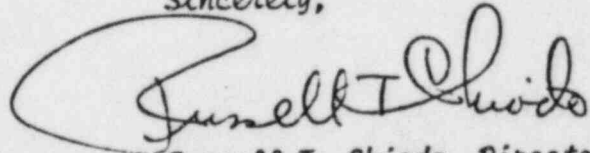
I look forward to the challenge offered me by accepting the directorship of the agency, and look forward to a progressive future with the County.

As recently discussed, corrective action necessary for the resolution of PEMA's Category A deficiency as cited by FEMA at the Beaver Valley exercise should not require a remedial exercise, in my opinion; however Beaver County will support the Commonwealth regardless of the action necessary to resolve this deficiency.

In late August, I wrote you in reference to the Beaver County plan status and I trust your staff has reviewed these plans. It is my understanding that these plans have been formally submitted to the RAC. I would appreciate a copy of the submittal letter to include in my monthly project report to the Commissioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation and gratitude for the assistance and support afforded the County by your agency; and look forward to a continued progressive effort to insure the health and safety of the residents of Beaver County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell T. Chiodo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "R" and "C".

Russell T. Chiodo, Director
BEAVER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
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