



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

November 24, 1992

Mr. Robert Gary
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-1637

Dear Mr. Gary:

I am writing to inform you of the status of actions taken and in progress in response to your letter of July 10, 1992, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Institute for Clean Air. In your letter, you requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) examine certain transportation-related discrepancies you alleged with respect to the Dauphin County (Pennsylvania) Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP). The Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1), is located within Dauphin County. You requested pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 that, once the discrepancies are verified by FEMA, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) order GPU Nuclear Corporation to "power down" the TMI-1 plant and not permit the plant to generate commercial power until the discrepancies are corrected and until a valid, workable, operational emergency evacuation plan is produced.

In my letter of August 5, 1992, I acknowledged receipt of your petition and informed you that we had requested assistance from FEMA by letter dated July 22, 1992. Enclosed, for your information, is FEMA's initial (interim) response to our request. Representatives of FEMA met with appropriate personnel from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency on September 4, 1992, to discuss the concerns raised in your letter. The outcome of that meeting was as follows:

- Dauphin County had sent out new letters of intent to transportation providers in early August. FEMA reviewed the letters and identified a deficiency regarding the number and capacity of vehicles needed for evacuation. Dauphin County issued amended letters and is awaiting the return of the signed letters.
- The RERP properly identifies all groups of people requiring transportation during an emergency. However, FEMA noted that there are some discrepancies within the plan regarding the number of buses available for evacuating the general population. PEMA and Dauphin County are correcting these discrepancies.
- FEMA noted that both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Dauphin County RERPs include provisions for deploying Pennsylvania National Guard vehicles and personnel to Dauphin County in the event of an emergency,

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if necessary. FEMA has requested additional information regarding the types and amounts of resources available from the National Guard and the radiological training provided to the personnel subject to call.

As indicated in the enclosed report, FEMA requires additional time to review the improvements being made to the Pennsylvania and Dauphin County emergency plans and to prepare a final report to document its findings and conclusions, as well as improvements made to emergency planning in this area in response to all the concerns you have raised.

The NRC will, therefore, require additional time to review the FEMA findings, as well as your request to take action with respect to the TMI-1 facility. On the basis of present schedules, I anticipate that my decision will be finalized and reported to you during February 1993.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Frank J. Miraglia

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
FEMA Interim Report dated
October 27, 1992

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