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Mr. Brian K. Grimes
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Grimes:


This is in response to your request of February 25, 1981, for findings and determination relating to the McGuire nuclear power station in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

On November 6, 1980, in accordance with the FEMA Rule 44 CFR 350 (proposed), the Assistant Secretary for Public Safety, North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, submitted their emergency response plans in support of the McGuire Nuclear Powered Electric Generating Plant for formal review and approval to the Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV. The State's submission included plans for the local governments which are wholly or partially within the plume exposure pathway (10-mile emergency planning zone) for McGuire, namely Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Iredell, Gaston, and Catawba Counties.

Staff comments on the exercise conducted on December 5-6, 1980, reflected effective public alerting and notification. The FEMA Regional staff felt the overall exercise was successful. However, they provided, on December 18, 1980, a number of recommendations which the State is currently in process of incorporating. A review of the South Carolina plan and their participation in the exercise, indicate their capability to respond to ingestion pathway (30-mile emergency planning zone) problems from the McGuire site.

Therefore, while we emphasize that our findings must be considered interim, all current deficiencies appear to be minor or correctable. Based on the above, as well as discussions with the Region, it appears that State and local authorities in both North Carolina and South Carolina are adequately prepared to cope with an accident at the McGuire site. At such time as we are able to complete the formal process outlined in 44 CFR 350 (proposed), we will promptly provide final findings and determination.

Sincerely yours,


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