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OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
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for Operations

FROM: *David C Williams*
David C. Williams
Inspector General

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT ON NRC STAFF'S REVIEW OF
PILGRIM OFF-SITE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Your July 26, 1990, letter to me asked whether our inspection uncovered evidence of a deliberate intent by any staff member to present inaccurate or incomplete information to the Commission. Our Report of Inspection concluded that the staff did not conduct a thorough review of Pilgrim off-site emergency preparedness which resulted in inaccurate information being provided to the Commission. During our inspection we also were concerned that the inaccurate and incomplete statements were gathered and reported in an intentionally deceitful manner. This was fully examined; however, our inspection did not disclose evidence sufficient to substantiate that any member of the staff intentionally provided inaccurate information to the Commission.

If you wish to discuss this matter further or review documents gathered during our inspection we will be glad to be of assistance.

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Pilgrim Lessons Learned Task Force

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On July 23, 1990, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued Report No. 90N-02 on the NRC staff's review of Pilgrim offsite emergency preparedness. The IG concluded that (1) the assessment by the NRC staff of Pilgrim offsite emergency preparedness was not balanced or thorough, and (2) certain information provided by the staff concerning the status of Pilgrim offsite emergency preparedness during the October and December 1988 Commission meetings was inaccurate. An August 1987 report on the adequacy of offsite emergency preparedness at Pilgrim which concluded that "Massachusetts offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness are inadequate to protect the public health and safety" set in motion the events at Pilgrim.

In a memorandum to the Chairman dated August 3, 1990, the EDO requested the Director, NRR, to conduct a lessons learned review and provide recommendations on how we should proceed in the event we encounter a similar situation in the future. The charter of the Pilgrim Lessons Learned Task Force is to perform an introspective review of the process used by the staff to evaluate the adequacy of offsite emergency preparedness at Pilgrim. The objective is to develop specific "lessons learned" to guide the staff in evaluating the adequacy of offsite emergency preparedness issues if confronted with a similar situation in the future.

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The Task Force review should consider:

- The regulatory basis for the NRC review of offsite emergency preparedness for operating nuclear power plants.
- The NRC - FEMA roles and relationship in reviewing offsite emergency preparedness (including situations where offsite authorities do not fully cooperate).
- Enforcement actions under 10 CFR 50.54(s)(2), i.e., the "120-day clock".
- NRC staff actions following a FEMA finding that, "offsite emergency planning and preparedness are inadequate to protect the public health and safety."
- Provisions of the NRC-FEMA Memorandum of Understanding.
- The interactions between the NRC and State and local governments/agencies and between the NRC and the public.
- The role of the licensee in providing information pertaining to State and local governments.
- Appropriate means for resolving conflicting information.

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- ° Documentation of the NRC staff review.
- ° Other areas identified by the Task Force during the course of the review.

The Director of NRR will document the results of the Task Force evaluation in a report to the EDO.