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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY PLAN DEFICIENCIES - GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-416

This office received your comments regarding the subject matter in your letter dated March 11, 1985. We concur with your response to Items 1, 3, and 4, and find your action and proposed actions adequate. However, your response to Item 2 does not appear to meet NRC acceptance criteria.

With regard to evacuation/decontamination centers, it is the NRC position, according to the guidance provided in NUREG-0654 Section J. Item No. 4, that "each licensee shall provide for the evacuation of onsite non-essential personnel in the event of a site or general emergency and shall provide a decontamination capability at or near the monitoring point specified in Section J. Item No. 3."

Normally, to meet this criteria, licensees have established their own evacuation/decontamination center for receiving onsite non-essential personnel. As an alternate, State/local evacuation and decontamination centers may be used provided the facilities are adequate, can be activated in a timely manner following declaration of an emergency, and appropriate letters of agreement or memorandum of understanding are executed between appropriate parties.

Therefore, you should revise your emergency preparedness program to include such a center with appropriate arrangements with the State if a State center is used.

We look forward to your response on this matter. If there are further discussions or questions on this issue, please contact Mr. W. E. Cline of our staff at (404) 221-2665.

Sincerely,

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