



Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Honorable James Martin
Governor of North Carolina
State Capitol
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Dear Governor Martin:

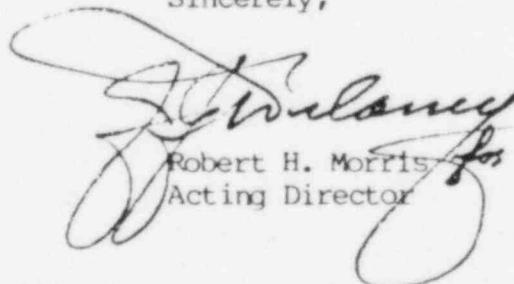
I am pleased to advise you that the North Carolina Emergency Response Plan in Support of the Catawba Nuclear Station has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The alert and notification system (ANS) which is installed and operational at the Catawba Nuclear Station is currently under review by FEMA. An engineering design review of the system and a telephone survey of the public have been conducted. However, FEMA is still awaiting submittal by the utility of acceptable siren system operability results in accordance with section E.6.2.1 of FEMA-43, the "Standard Guide for the Evaluation of Alert and Notification Systems for Nuclear Power Plants." Therefore, this approval of the offsite plans is conditional on FEMA's verification of the ANS system in accordance with the joint Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)/FEMA criteria in NUREG-0654/FEMA REP-1, Rev. 1, Appendix 3, and in FEMA-43.

This represents the third approval by FEMA of offsite radiological emergency preparedness planning around a nuclear power station in North Carolina. I know that you will agree that this is an important achievement on the part of your State and local officials, and the Duke Power Company in their efforts to protect the health and safety of the public in the vicinity of the Catawba Nuclear Station. I have enclosed a copy of our letter to the NRC indicating FEMA's approval of State and local plans and preparedness.

I wish to commend you and all the individuals who participated in this accomplishment and to thank you for the excellent cooperation FEMA has received.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Morris
Acting Director

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