

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Docket Nos. 50-400 OL  
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EPX-2. Communications deficiencies revealed in the exercise could have severe bad effects in a real emergency, including lack of effective communications and radiation monitoring results, lack of contact with field and ground units, etc. Specifically, the emergency inter-system mutual aid frequency was so overloaded the state's communications evaluator stated it was "proved that there could be absolutely no communications with ground units on this frequency due to constant misuse." Other examples: The Highway Patrol evaluator found "communication inadequacies; equipment ... is not yet capable of adequately handling the impact of so many units responding to an emergency of this type."; Harnett County had "insufficient telephones"; "[extra radio traffic overloaded personnel on duty" in Chatham County; "excessive delays" in Emergency Medical Services Office received messages from SERT (State Emergency Response Team); communications from the mobile radiation lab had to be relayed to base station at times, which "always introduces the possibility of delayed and/or incorrect information" according to the State Radiation Protection Section evaluator.

3. FEMA staff response asserts that:

The only communications deficiency identified by FEMA during the Harris exercise was the lack of sufficient telephones in the Harnett County EOC. However, the FEMA-identified deficiency in Harnett County's communications system was not of sufficient magnitude to seriously affect the capability of the emergency response organization to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency.

Moreover, the Director of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, in his response to FEMA's letter requesting a schedule of corrective actions for deficiencies identified in the Plant Harris exercise, stated that total communications needs are being evaluated in Harnett County and that the installation of additional telephone circuits and instruments will be accomplished to meet those needs. The Director stated that these corrective actions are projected to be completed prior to full power licensing of the Harris plant.

The establishment of the Harnett County EOC in the County Office Building, with the concomitant improvement of the communications system proposed, will correct the communications deficiency identified in the FEMA Plant Harris exercise report.

4. Contention EPX-8 contends:

EPX-8. Emergency Broadcast System use was incomplete and effectively managed (FEMA, 2.3.1. (2), page 13; see p.12 discussion). Inadequacies include procedures for activation and use of the EBS (before the State assumes control); inadequate coverage of the emergency area and emergency response area, incomplete messages and instructions to the public. (Ref FEMA report received 8/30/85 Board Notification 85-078) Numerous problems with EBS activation mentioned on pp. 17-18 of the same report also need to be identified and rectified. All these problems must be resolved to ensure timely and effective notice to the public about nuclear/radiation emergencies so that the public can be protected in such emergencies.

5. FEMA staff response asserts that:

FEMA identified several inadequacies concerning use of the EBS system including inadequate coverage of the emergency area and emergency response area. This inadequacy, described on page 12 of the FEMA exercise report, does not refer to a geographical area or sector, but refers to a lack of continuing use of EBS to provide instruction to the public, according to the Federal evaluator who observed the Media Center facility and its activities.

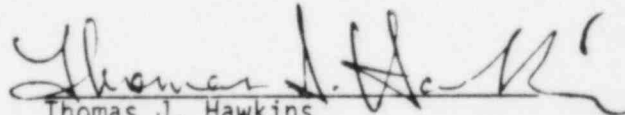
The inadequacies regarding EBS identified in the Harris exercise report were not of sufficient magnitude to seriously affect the capability of the emergency response organization to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency.

(Memorandum, May to Krimm, subject: Interim Findings Report, Plant Harris, North Carolina, dated June 18, 1985.)

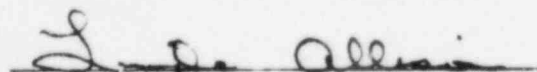
However, FEMA staff and the exercise report recommended that resolution of the identified problems associated with EBS be accomplished through the following actions: (1) installation of a dedicated telephone network, (2) improvement of EBS procedures, and (3) training.

The Meyers to Woodard letter, dated November 26, 1985, and the "Affidavit of Alvin H. Joyner on Eddleman EPX-8" clearly indicate that all identified problems associated with EPS will be resolved prior to full power licensing of Plant Harris.

FEMA staff considers the corrective actions outlined in the two above-referenced documents to be fully adequate.

  
Thomas J. Hawkins

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30th day of January, 1986

  
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My Commission expires: Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large  
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Professional Qualifications

My present position is Emergency Management Program Specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. I am assigned to the Radiological Emergency Planning Liaison position between FEMA Region IV and the States of North and South Carolina. In this position, I am responsible for the review of radiological emergency plans and preparedness for the State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina and for the local governments within these States.

I have held the position of Emergency Management Program Specialist (or its equivalent) since December 1981. I have been employed by FEMA since July 1978.

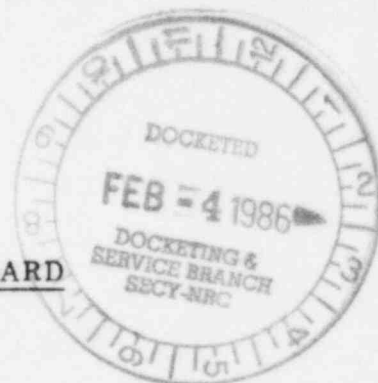
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My formal education is as follows:

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- Completed Radiological Defense Officer and Radiological Defense Instructor Course, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Atlanta, GA, March 1982
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COMPANY AND NORTH CAROLINA ) Docket Nos. 50-400 OL  
EASTERN MUNICIPAL POWER ) 50-401 OL  
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(Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, )  
Units 1 and 2) )

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF/FEMA RESPONSE TO APPLICANTS' MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION OF EDDLEMAN CONTENTIONS EPX-2 AND EPX-8" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail first class, or (\*) through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 3rd day of February, 1986:

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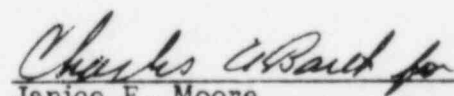
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