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Office of Nuclear Security and Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Assessments for FEMA Region IX Nuclear Power Plants

Dear Ms. Brock:

Pursuant to the FEMA Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19 Memorandum dated May 13, 2020, FEMA Region IX completed assessments for the States of California, Arizona and local communities within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), and Palo Verde Generating Station (PVGS). These assessments included the examination of the local offsite response organizations, in order to assess their continued capability to adequately respond to an incident at the plant.

Based on the assessments conducted and the Region's review of available information gathered in discussions with the Offsite Response Organizations (OROs), FEMA concludes that offsite radiological emergency preparedness remains adequate to provide "Reasonable Assurance" and that appropriate measures can be taken to protect the health and safety of the public in a radiological emergency at all of the listed Nuclear Power Plants. At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further action in any of the listed nuclear stations 10-mile EPZ's. If FEMA does become aware of any degradation of the offsite infrastructure or a significant reduction in ORO capabilities that could directly impact public health and safety, FEMA stands ready initiate assessments and forward those findings to the NRC for appropriate review and action.



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Please contact me at 202-436-5838, if you have any questions or require any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:
RIX Assessment

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