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Ms. Kathryn Brock
Director, Division of Preparedness and Response
Office of Nuclear Security and Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T4D22A
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Assessments for FEMA Region IV Commercial Nuclear Power Plants

Dear Ms. Brock:

Pursuant to the FEMA Preparedness Assessment Framework – COVID-19 memorandum dated May 13, 2020. FEMA Region IV completed assessments for the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and local communities within the associated 10-mile Emergency Planning Zones (EPZs). These assessments included the examination of the local offsite response organizations (OROs) in order to assess their continued capability to adequately respond to an incident at the Stations.

Based on the conducted assessments and our review of available information gathered from discussions with the 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 16 nuclear power plants. At this time, FEMA is not initiating any further actions.

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 to initiate assessments and forward the findings to the NRC for appropriate review and action.



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Please contact me at 202-704-4242, or Vanessa Quinn, Vanessa.Quinn@fema.dhs.gov, 202-577-8504, should you have any questions or require any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. Casey".

Michael S. Casey, Ph.D.
Director
Technological Hazards Division

Attachments:

1. Region IV Assessments Memorandum – NPD Nuclear Power Plants
2. FEMA Region IV Situation Awareness Report
3. FEMA Region IV Plant status report

cc: Deputy Administrator, Resilience
Assistant Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate
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