



FEMA

May 14, 2008

Mr. Anthony C. McMurtray  
Chief, Licensing and Regulatory Improvements Section  
Emergency Preparedness Directorate  
Division of Preparedness and Response  
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Additional information regarding petition PRM 50-85 filed April 17, 2007 and submitted by TMI Alert, Incorporated.

Dear Mr. McMurtray:

This letter is a follow-up to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) request for additional clarification regarding the petition number PRM 50-85 filed on April 17, 2007 submitted by TMI Alert, Incorporated.

According to the petition, NUREG-0654 (Section J) requires that relocation centers be located between 5 and 10 miles beyond the 10 mile emergency planning zone (EPZ), or 15 to 20 miles beyond the site, while the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Guidance Memorandum EV-2, "Protective Actions for School Children", permits host schools to be located "outside the EPZ". The petition requests NRC mandate that all host schools be located at least 5 miles beyond the EPZ.

Host schools are pre-designated sites specifically designed to receive and provide temporary shelter to evacuated students until parents regain custody of their children. Host schools are generally located in the same school district as the primary school to make it easy for parents to pick up their children. Generally, if a student has not been picked up by a parent/guardian, the student is transported to a relocation center for longer term protection and care.

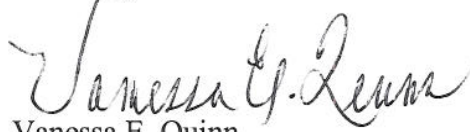
In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, school children requiring temporary sheltering, while waiting to be picked up by parents or guardians, are relocated along with school staff to designated host schools. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Plan, Appendix 12, Annex E, defines a Host School as the site to receive and provide temporary sheltering to evacuated students and where parents are to regain custody of their evacuated children.

Anthony C. McMurtray  
May 14, 2008  
Page 2

FEMA GM-EV-2 supports the current practice of designating host schools for temporary sheltering of school children at locations “outside the EPZ”, therefore, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is conforming to existing FEMA guidance.

I hope this provides the additional clarification the NRC sought to obtain on this issue. Once you have the opportunity to review, please do not hesitate to contact me with any follow up questions.

Sincerely,



Vanessa E. Quinn

Chief

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch

cc: D. Hammons, FEMA Region III  
FEMA/REPP-Chron