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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Gentlemen:

In our letter to you dated May 20, 1985, we stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was performing an evaluation regarding the deficiency in Grundy County. This evaluation was being conducted to determine what effect, if any, the deficiency had on the overall status of offsite preparedness. Our letter further indicated that we would determine an appropriate course of action under our regulations for your LaSalle and Dresden facilities after receiving this FEMA evaluation. The deficiency for Grundy County had been characterized as one affecting public health and safety.

We have received the attached FEMA evaluation, dated June 11, 1985, regarding the overall status of offsite preparedness. This evaluation is based on the corrective actions submitted to correct the deficiency affecting public health and safety, and the FEMA evaluation of the Dresden exercise on April 23, 1985. The FEMA evaluation states that Grundy County did successfully demonstrate a timely activation of the prompt alert and notification system. It is FEMA's opinion that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public can be protected in the event of a radiological emergency at the LaSalle or Dresden Nuclear Generating Stations. Therefore, the approval under FEMA rule 44 CFR 350 for the LaSalle Nuclear Generating Station will remain in effect.

Based on this FEMA evaluation, we conclude that the deficiency affecting public health and safety which we identified to you in our May 20, 1985 letter has been satisfactorily corrected, and no further action under our regulations is warranted.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. M. Phillips of my staff at (312) 790-5530.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

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Enclosure: FEMA Evaluation
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Memorandum For: Assistant Associate Director
Office of Natural and Technological Hazards Programs

Attn: Bob Turner, SL-TH

From: Wallace J. Weaver, Chairman
Regional Assistance Committee *Wallace J. Weaver*

Subject: October 10, 1984 LaSalle REP Exercise Corrective Actions

In my memorandum of March 27, 1985 to you concerning the LaSalle exercise corrective actions, I indicated that I would provide you with a statement concerning the disposition of the category A deficiency identified for Grundy County during the October 10, 1984 LaSalle REP exercise. The final corrective action for Grundy County was the timely and successful activation of the prompt alert and notification system during the April 23, 1985 Dresden REP exercise. As noted in the Dresden exercise report, which will be provided to you under separate cover later this month, Grundy County did successfully demonstrate a timely activation of the prompt alert and notification system.

Upon receipt of the protective action recommendations from the State of Illinois, Grundy County accomplished all of the following within the prescribed fifteen minute period. First, Grundy County coordinated the timing of the siren activation with Will County and notified Kendall County that they would be sounding the sirens. (For incidents involving the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Grundy County controls the siren activation for both Grundy and Kendall Counties.) When this notification to Kendall County could not be accomplished via commercial telephone, backup communication was demonstrated by means of the sheriff dispatcher's radio. The Grundy County Sheriff Dispatcher was then ordered to sound the sirens.

Concurrent with the coordination discussed above, Grundy County contacted the appropriate EBS station and reviewed the procedures for activation of the EBS notification including the appropriate prescribed message to be utilized. The EBS message itself was not actually broadcast. Again all of these activities were accomplished in a timely and effective manner.

As you will have noted, the demonstration of public alerting and notification by Grundy County during the Dresden REP exercise represents a significant improvement over their previous performance during the LaSalle REP exercise. This is directly attributable to the level of training conducted by the State of Illinois for Grundy County, and the new ESDA Coordinator in particular, as well as a more cooperative attitude being displayed by key Grundy County officials. I fully expect this vigorous training program and cooperative effort on the part of Grundy County to result in another successful demonstration during the Braidwood Nuclear Power Station initial exercise in November.

Given the above, and the corrective actions noted in my March 27 memorandum, I consider the category A deficiency from the LaSalle REP exercise to have been fully corrected by Grundy County. It is my opinion that Grundy County could effectively alert and notify the public in the event of an incident at either the LaSalle or Dresden Nuclear Power Station.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to call me. I will withhold my notification to the State of Illinois until after your review of this memorandum and transmittal to NRC.



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

JUN 11 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Edward L. Jordan
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM: *Richard W. Kriss*
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SUBJECT: Report on the Grundy County Corrective Actions for the
Category A Deficiency Identified During the October 10,
1984 Exercise of the Offsite Radiological Emergency
Preparedness (REP) Plans for the LaSalle Nuclear Power Plant

Attached is a copy of the May 13, 1985 memorandum from Region V, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) concerning the Grundy County corrective actions for the Category A deficiency identified during the LaSalle offsite REP exercise on October 10, 1984. The exercise report and schedule of corrective actions was sent to you on April 15, 1985.

Grundy County was cited for a Category A deficiency (NUREG evaluation criterion E.5) because 30 minutes elapsed from the time the sirens were sounded (simulated) until the initial instructional message was forwarded to the EBS station. The EBS notification was overlooked until the EOC staff were questioned on this point by the federal evaluator. This deficiency was directly attributable to the turnover of the Grundy County Emergency Services and Disaster Assistance Coordinator just prior to the exercise. This individual subsequently received training as to the duties and responsibilities of his position with respect to radiological emergency preparedness.

The final corrective action for Grundy County was a requirement to demonstrate a timely and successful activation of the prompt alert and notification system (PANS) during the Dresden joint REP exercise on April 23, 1985. As reported in FEMA Region V's memorandum, Grundy County did successfully demonstrate a timely activation of the PANS. This will be reflected in the Dresden exercise report which will be provided to you at a later date.

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FEMA Headquarters staff have reviewed the corrective actions for Grundy County. The County's demonstration of the ability to alert and notify the public in a timely manner during the Dresden joint exercise, combined with the training provided earlier, corrects the Category A deficiency identified for Grundy County during the LaSalle offsite REP exercise. Therefore, the approval under FEMA rule 44 CFR 350 for the LaSalle Offsite REP Plans will remain in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert S. Wilkerson, Chief, Technological Hazards Division at 646-2861.

Attachment
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