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SECTION 8

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1.0 Public Awareness

The public information program consists of general information on the topics of nuclear energy, radiation, and emergency planning. Additionally, specific information on protective response is provided as an information insert in appropriate local publications at least annually.

1.1 <u>General Information - Program Content</u>

The information on each general topic consists of material on the following:

1.2 <u>Nuclear Energy</u>

- a. Definition of emergency in general terms.
- b. How nuclear energy produces electricity.
- c. Safeguards designed into nuclear power plants.
- d. Comparisons with other energy sources.
- e. Definitions of basic nuclear terminology.

1.3 Radiation

- a. Radiation sources in the environment.
- b. Safeguards designed into nuclear power plants to prevent or minimize the release of radiation to the environment.
- c. Definitions of basic radiation terminology.

1.4 Emergency Planning

- a. Description of the public response options of sheltering or evacuation.
- b. Evacuation methods, routes and relocation centers.
- Methods of notification.
- d. Special consideration for the handicapped.
- e. Special considerations for farms and agricultural concerns.
- f. Contacts for additional information.

This information is provided in various forms (pamphlets, advertisements, or other means) either individually or as a set such that the general topic areas are covered annually.

1.5 Protective Response - Program Content

The program for protective response information is more specific in nature and contains material on the following:

1) Protective response options (sheltering and evacuation).

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- 2) Evacuation methods, routes and relocation centers.
- 3) Methods of alerting and notification.

This information is provided in appropriate formats to the transient and permanent residents of the Plume Exposure Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). Pamphlets, advertisements in locally distributed newspapers, or telephone books, placards, or postings at recreational facilities may be used, as appropriate, to maintain transient information. Annually, selected information is either updated and redistributed or verified to be in place at appropriate locations.

2.0 <u>Public Information During an Emergency</u>

Until activation of the EOF normal public information planning (incorporating both non-emergency events and emergency events as a plan basis) will be used. This system will be activated by the Communications Representative by calling the appropriate contact in the Public Affairs Department and appropriate media representatives.

Upon activation of the ENC/JIC, all information (news bulletin) formally provided to the media is approved by the Company Spokesperson or ENC Manager, and NJ during a declared state of emergency, in accordance with the agreements on news bulletins between PSEG and the States.

The Public Information Liaison, located in the EOF, will ensure the necessary information is provided to the ENC/JIC by the emergency response organization. A timely exchange of information is ensured among the designated spokespersons for PSEG and representatives of the States of New Jersey and Delaware by systematically recording the receipt of news bulletins.

3.0 Media Awareness

An information program for the media and the general public is provided to present the information outlined in paragraph 1.1. This program consists of distribution of training information along with an invitation to annually observe a training drill. All appropriate local news media representatives are provided the materials and are invited to attend the drill.

4.0 Rumor Control (Public Inquiry)

Rumor control is provided to minimize the possibility that a source of public information (e.g., NRC, FEMA, State or PSEG) could be using out-of-date information. This is accomplished by providing information to other public information sources simultaneously and providing Public Information Officers with access to the PSEG public information source. Additionally, telephone access numbers are listed in the annual public information brochure to allow access to quickly confirm or deny the accuracy of a given report or rumor.