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Subject: Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Plan
Request for Audience

Following the March 28, 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, Governor Brown formed a task force to study California's emergency preparedness for nuclear power plant accidents. In cooperation with this effort, Senator John Garamendi introduced legislation requiring the State Office of Emergency Services to study consequences of serious accidents which might occur in California's nuclear power plants. The Legislation (now Section 8610.5 of the Government Code) required the OES Study to consider the unique characteristics of each of the facilities and their surrounding geographic regions. Based upon results of the study of California's facilities, the OES was required to develop Emergency Planning Zones for each of the sites in consultation with the State Department of Health Services and the counties in the vicinities of the reactors which were shown to be affected by the hypothesized accidents.

Following completion of the State Study, the law requires state and local response plans to be revised and updated to reflect potential consequences of the accident investigation. In April of 1983 the State Response Plan was revised by the Office of Emergency Services. Sacramento County's local response plan is scheduled for completion by the County Office of Emergency Operation on February 24, 1984. The County Response Plan is then expected to be presented to the County Disaster Commission on March 9, 1984 for recommendations and to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on March 20, 1984. No Environmental Impact Report has been compiled or is planned for any stage of this project.

The effective nature of a response plan is dependent upon proper communication. Communication is the fundamental link between information and education, government and public. An Environmental Impact Report can be instrumental in this communication process and should be considered.

The Environmental Impact Report is the method chosen by the Legislature to reflect its protective policies. It is an action-enforcing mechanism serving not only to ensure appropriate planning but to demonstrate to the public that the government's decisions are based on all reasonable available data.

The EIR is an informational document meant to inform both public decision-makers and the general public of the effects on that public of projects which the decision-makers approve. This goal of communication between government and public cannot be attained where no EIR has been prepared.

The cooperation and support of this Council and this Council's representative on the Disaster Commission in attaining this document is solicited.

This is also a request for an audience to address this issue at the earliest convenient date.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM

TO: WALTER J. SLIPE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ANNE J. MASON, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF ITEM NO. 18, COUNCIL
AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 14, 1984
DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 1984

Pursuant to Council action, the following matter is referred to you:

Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Plan.

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