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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Dockets 50-247-SP, 50-286-SP

It has been brought to my attention that a letter from me might help to answer questions as to Rockland's intention with regard to emergency planning for Indian Point.

It became apparent to Rockland personnel, throughout development of the Rockland County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RCRERP), that the plan was evolved without the necessary input from local officials who would have to carry it out, and that much of it was so unworkable as to be a farce. Special problems faced by Rockland due to its orientation and its population density were simply disregarded. Since Rockland is, as you have recognized, a locality at risk, our officials felt that our people would be better served by an honest approach to emergency planning, an approach which took into consideration local needs, responsibilities and resources.

It must also be stated here that state takeover of local emergency services and resources in such an emergency will not be any better than adoption of such an inadequate as the RCRERP. In an occurrence in which lapse of time is critical, it would be foolhardy for our Emergency Service people to be dependent upon Albany to such a degree. Furthermore, all planning and deficiency correction should be relevant to the locality they affect: experience has shown that this probably won't occur without planning at the local level. All help, advice and resources are gratefully received, but unworkable planning cannot be forced

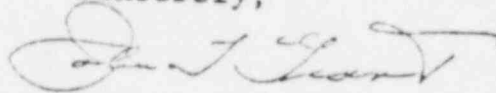
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upon us.

It is for this reason that the "Citizens Advisory Committee to Review Rockland County's Own Nuclear Evacuation and Preparedness Plan and General Disaster Preparedness Plan" was formed. The attached page will show that all of the Emergency Services are represented as well as others whose presence and work will help Rockland County to develop a true Emergency Preparedness Plan. Data Processing will also be involved so that much of the information we evolve can be computerized to be of better use in time of stress. In addition, we contemplate the input of major industries in the area so that those potentially affected can help with planning.

I hope that this will help to clarify Rockland County's position -- and progress -- in a situation which so closely affects us. Above all, any emergency plan must be realistic and answer, so far as possible, the needs of the population in an emergency. We simply cannot accept planning which is largely workable on paper but not in the real world in which we live.

Sincerely,



JOHN T. GRANT  
Chairman of the Legislature

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ROCKLAND COUNTY'S  
OWN NUCLEAR EVACUATION AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN  
AND GENERAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

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