

# Village of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

Many of our residents, as well as our police, school and village officials, have expressed concerns about the adequacy and workability of the current evacuation plan for the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

These concerns which appear to have been inadequately addressed in the plan would, in our estimation, render the plan unworkable. They are as follows:

- A. We have a nursing home in our Village with 160 residents; 130 of which can only be evacuated by ambulance. We see no provision in the plan for the necessary ambulance support required to safely and adequately evacuate this facility. We note, also, there are other nursing homes and hospitals within the ten-mile radius that will have the same requirements. Additionally, we have a number of sick or incapacitated residents living in private homes in the village who also require special transportation out of the area.
- B. Our village police have no protective clothing that would enable them to remain in the area to direct an orderly evacuation and protect property.
- C. Our Police Department does not have the radio capabilities to communicate with other police departments within the evacuation area. Without adequate communications, it would be impossible to coordinate an orderly evacuation.
- D. Our village has a 17-man police force and a 300-man volunteer fire department, along with 12 auxiliary policemen, however only 6 dosimeters have been supplied to us to measure radiation levels.
- E. At present, there are only two roads which can be used for egress out of the Village to the south: Rt. 9 and 9A. Both of

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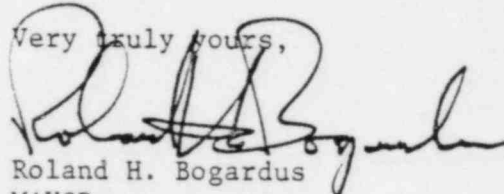
these roads are now under construction and traffic is backed up every morning when people are going to work. Although this is only a temporary condition, we submit that an accident, snow and ice conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances will result in severe traffic backups if an evacuation is required. Possibly some consideration should be given for supplemental evacuation by rail or boat.

- F. The plan for student evacuation from the schools, which has been changed from busing to White Plains to sending the students home, involves even further problems. The parents and teachers in the Croton Schools do not want the children bused to White Plains. However, sending the students home does not seem to be entirely the answer, either. Many mothers with small children work out of town and there is no one at home to receive the children during the day. The school nurse advises that when a child gets sick during school, it sometimes takes hours to locate a parent or guardian. One mother that stays at home may cover for many working mothers in an emergency situation but only one child at a time is usually involved.

We, therefore, do not believe that the student evacuation problem has been adequately addressed.

We ask that you give these concerns your immediate consideration, and advise us of their resolution.

Very truly yours,

  
Roland H. Bogardus  
MAYOR

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