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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD
BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES:

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In the Matter of:

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.
(Indian Point, Unit No. 3)

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
(Indian Point, Unit No.3)

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Croton Avenue
Ossining, N.Y.

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DEPOSITION OF BARBARA K. HICKERNELL,
taken pursuant to Stipulation by and between
counsel for the respective parties herein.

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21 MS. POTTERFIELD: Same stipulation as
22 we had for the deposition of Judith Glass.

23 MR. PIKUS: That is fine with me.

24 MS. POTTERFIELD: We are ready to begin.

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26 B A R B A R A K. H I C K E R N E L L, 12 Terric
27 Court, Ossining, New York, having been first duly
28 sworn by Leslie M. Arzoomanian, was examined and
29 testified as follows:

30 MS. POTTERFIELD: Mrs. Hickernell, do

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2 you have before you the testimony that you
3 wish to submit before the Atomic Safety and
4 Licensing Board?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 MS. POTTERFIELD: Did you prepare this
7 testimony yourself?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MS. POTTERFIELD: Do you have any
10 additions or corrections to this testimony?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MS. POTTERFIELD: Will you let us know
13 at what part of the testimony it appears?

14 THE WITNESS: My children are now ten
15 and thirteen.

16 MS. POTTERFIELD: Where are you referring
17 to?

18 THE WITNESS: The third from the bottom
19 line and the second from the bottom line.

20 MS. POTTERFIELD: Do you have any
21 additions or corrections other than that?

22 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so. I
23 have since learned that the fire siren is
24 different from the Con Ed siren.

25 MS. POTTERFIELD: So that in the middle

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2 of your testimony where you testify, "Several
3 times when the siren has wailed for over
4 one to two minutes, I have called the police
5 department to see if there truly was a fire,"
6 at the end of that sentence you wish to add
7 that you have since learned that the fire
8 siren is different from the Con Ed siren?

9 THE WITNESS: Correct.

10 MS. POTTERFIELD: Do you have any other
11 additions or corrections?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 MS. POTTERFIELD: With those additions
14 and corrections, is this testimony true and
15 accurate to the best of your information and
16 belief?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.

18 MS. POTTERFIELD: I am marking on this
19 copy of your testimony the corrections that
20 you have noted and if you would initial them
21 if they are correct.

22 THE WITNESS: Certainly.

23 MS. POTTERFIELD: I would like to have
24 this marked as Hickernell Exhibit 1.

25 MR. PIKUS: No objection.

(Testimony of Barbara K. Hickernell,
no date appearing thereon, consisting of one
page, containing Barbara K. Hickernell's
signature, received and marked Hickernell Exhibit
1 for identification.)

MS. POTTERFIELD: Will you read those
corrections, and if they are correct, put
your initials next to them?

(Witness complies.)

MS. POTTERFIELD: You have initialed
them?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MS. POTTERFIELD: I would ask that
Hickernell Exhibit 1 be admitted as an exhibit
to the depositions to be admitted with the
deposition as testimony in the hearing in
the event that a stipulation is not reached
and as it affects other witnesses.

EXAMINATION BY

MR. PIKUS:

Q Ms. Hickernell, with respect to the change
that you indicated in your testimony concerning the siren
system, are you able to distinguish the Indian Point
emergency siren from the fire siren?

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2 A I had heard it several weeks ago. I did hear
3 the Indian Point siren when I went outside by accident.
4 When I was in the house, I could not hear. I just
5 happened to go outside, and I am assuming it was the siren
6 because it was far away and it went on, whereas the fire
7 siren is practically in my backyard and it's much louder
8 and the fire siren also has short blasts and a code
9 occasionally.

10 Q Do you recall the date on which you heard
11 the Indian Point siren?

12 A I thought it was a weekday. I'm thinking
13 back. When they tested them all on that Saturday several
14 weeks ago I wasn't home. It wasn't that day. I think
15 it was a preliminary test to that.

16 Q Do you know whether it was a full-power test?

17 A I have no idea.

18 Q Ms. Hickernell, are the ten-year-old daughter
19 and thirteen-year-old son the only children that you have?

20 A Yes.

21 Q How often is the ten-year-old daughter home
22 alone?

23 A For very short periods. Between when she
24 comes home from school and I get home from work. I try
25 to be there. I try to get home at about the time she gets

home from school.

Q Where do you work?

A I work in Ossining.

Q Do you have a car?

A Yes, I do.

Q How often is the thriteen-year-old son home alone?

A He gets home earlier than she does; approximately an hour or forty-five minutes earlier than she does. So he's home for that period.

Q I assume that both of these children can read?

A Absolutely.

Q Do you have neighbors in close proximity to your own home?

A Yes.

Q Are you aware whether any of them are around during these periods when your children are home alone?

A There is an old lady on the one side of me and my neighbor on the other side of me has three children. She's in and out all the time. She works four days a week, so sometimes she's home when the children are there and sometimes she has my children watch her children.

Q Are there other people in the neighborhood who

you know?

A I know that they are there. I don't know them. There are two other people on the block whose names I know.

Q Are they usually home?

A I have no idea.

Q Do the people in your neighborhood that you know who you referred to have cars?

A Yes.

MR. PIKUS: I am going to ask the Reporter to mark this document which is entitled "Indian Point, Emergency Planning, And You Hickernell Exhibit 2.

Q I am going to ask you some questions about this document and there are several specific instructions and maps that are contained in this document that refer to specific areas that may be areas other than those in which you reside.

(Booklet entitled "Indian Point Emergency Planning, And You" received and marked Hickernell Exhibit 2 for identification.)

A Do you want my booklet?

(Off the record discussion.)

MR. PIKUS: Could I strike the exhibit

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2 which I just had marked as Hickernell Exhibit
3 2 and have this document entitled "Indian
4 Point, Emergency Planning, And You," with
5 the number five indicated in the lower
6 right-hand corner of the address page marked
7 as Hickernell Exhibit 2?

8 MS. POTTERFIELD: No objection.

9 (Booklet entitled "Indian Point,
10 Emergency Planning, And You," with number
11 five appearing in the lower right-hand corner
12 of address, received and marked as Hickernell
13 Exhibit 2 and previous Hickernell Exhibit
14 withdrawn.)

15 MR. PIKUS: Would you also strike
16 that part of the instructional section that
17 I put on the record? It's now unnecessary
18 because Mrs. Hickernell has been good enough
19 to provide me with the document that she
20 received.

21 Q Did you receive the exhibit just marked as
22 Hickernell Exhibit 2 in the mail?

23 A It came in the mail, yes.

24 Q Could you tell me approximately when you
25 received it?

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2 A The post date is there. It was mailed from
3 New York on December 21st, so I received it shortly
4 thereafter.

5 Q The basis of that statement is the post mark?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Had you ever received a brochure similar to
8 this in the past?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Approximately when did you receive that brochure?

11 A I believe it was last March.

12 Q I am going to direct your attention to Pages
13 4 and 5 of Hickernell Exhibit 2, which contain instructions
14 labeled "How you would be notified and staying indoors."
15 I ask you if you have ever read those instructions?

16 A I have read the entire booklet several times.
17 These are instructions that I have read.

18 Q I take it you have read the maps as well?

19 A Yes, I have.

20 Q Has your daughter read this document?

21 A I have gone over the document with her. I
22 have not handed it to her to read. But I have told her
23 the things that have been asked by the Plan.

24 Q In other words, you have conveyed all the
25 instructions that this booklet directs you to share with

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2 your family members; is that correct?

3 A I have, plus my own personal instructions to
4 them.

5 Q What were your own personal instructions?

6 A I work off Route 134 in Ossining. I work
7 inside and I or the people who work there have yet to hear
8 a siren.

9 So, if there's a siren and I happen to be at
10 work, I want the children to notify me, because I have
11 no way of hearing it.

12 Unfortunately, they're not supposed to use
13 the telephone in these instructions. But, in this particula
14 case, I've asked them and told them that I think this
15 is an emergency and in spite of the fact that they've
16 asked people not to use the telephone, that they have to
17 use the telephone.

18 Q Has there been an occasion of which you are
19 aware that you were at work when the Indian Point sirens
20 were sounding?

21 A I was not at work yesterday during the tests,
22 but people are there, generally, twenty-four hours a
23 day and they haven't heard them.

24 Q You are not aware of the radiological emergency
25 for which the sirens have sounded?

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2 A For the testing of the siren. So far, they
3 have not heard them.

4 Q Which instructions contained in this
5 brochure have you shared with your son?

6 A My son has read the entire booklet.

7 Q Have you given him any additional instruct-
8 ions?

9 A The same with the telephone call and I
10 have asked him if he is inside not to bring the dog in
11 since we don't have any information about whether or
12 not there is ^{radiation} plutonium; ^{pick} that he is not to bring the dog
13 in and possibly contaminate him and his sister.

14 Q Have you told them that if the emergency
15 broadcast advises residents in the area to stay indoors,
16 that they should keep the family and pets inside the
17 house, assuming that there's been no release, and close
18 the doors and windows and follow the additional
19 instructions that are contained on Page 5?

20 A If there's been no release. But if he
21 doesn't know that, I don't want him to take the chance
22 and take the pet inside.

23 Q You have no reason to doubt the accuracy of
24 of any information that may be broadcast over the
25 emergency system.

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2 A I have read several books on Three-Mile
3 Island and I know that the information given to the
4 officials was not necessarily correct or up to date.

5 Q Was the information broadcast by the
6 news media incorrect or not up to date?

7 A It was given by the Governor of Pennsylvania,
8 Governor Thornburgh.

9 Q Have you discussed with your children the
10 instructions for leaving home contained on Page 6 of
11 the Emergency Planning brochure?

12 A I have discussed the instructions, yes.

13 Q Are you aware of any recent changes in the
14 Plan?

15 A There is one change that was announced by
16 County Executive O'Rourke, that the children would be
17 sent home rather than being bused to reception centers.
18 Whether that is official and in the new book, I don't
19 know.

20 According to this one, the children will
21 still be bused out to the reception centers and yet
22 yesterday he had them sent home. So, if it were a real
23 emergency, I don't know what he would do.

24 Q Are you aware that Con Ed is in the process
25 of mailing out a revised brochure?

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A Yes.

Q I take it that you have not yet received it?

A No, I have not yet received it.

Q Turning your attention to Page 15 of the document marked as Hickernell Exhibit 2; have you discussed with your children the instructions contained on Page 15?

A I have discussed it with them and I have requested a booklet for each of them, each member of the family, so that the children would know where they and we would be should they be evacuated to the reception centers.

Unfortunately, only one extra was sent.

Q One extra brochure?

A One extra brochure, which is this one. I had wanted the children to have a booklet to keep with them, with their school things, so that when they are at school, they ^{ptw} would know where at least their sibling was.

Q Are you married?

A Yes, I am.

Q Where does your husband work?

A He works in Tarrytown.

Q Has he read the brochure, to your knowledge?

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2 A He has read it, yes.

3 Q Has your family agreed on a location where
4 you might meet in the event there was a radiological
5 emergency requiring evacuation?

6 A Not a final agreement. What I have said
7 is that they are to call our nearest relative who is
8 in Philadelphia, who is my mother, and let her know
9 as soon as they are able to reach a phone, providing
10 they are able to use a phone. They are to call her
11 and let her know where they are.

12 Q Have you studied the plans contained in the
13 brochure marked Wickernell Exhibit 2?

14 A I don't know if that's the proper word.

15 Q You've looked at them several times, have
16 you not?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And your children have looked at them?

19 A My son for sure has. What my daughter
20 remembers, I don't know.

21 Q Do you know whether your husband has looked
22 at them?

23 A Yes, he has.

24 Q Have you placed the booklet in a location
25 where it is easily accessible?

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2 A Right by the door; yes.

3 Q When you say, "by the door," you are
4 referring to the front door of the house?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Am I correct that the other members of your
7 family know where that booklet is?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Have you attempted to call the telephone
10 numbers listed on Page 15?

11 A I don't believe that I did. I'm not sure
12 whether I just sent away for the other booklet or
13 called for it. I'm sorry; I don't remember.

14 Q When you made the request either by telephone
15 or mail for the additional brochure, did you ask for
16 any other information?

17 A No. I just requested four brochures.

18 Q Have you contacted any other source to try
19 to obtain further information about emergency planning
20 for Indian Point?

21 A Other than getting another booklet, no,
22 I haven't.

23 Q I take it that you have not contacted either
24 the Power Authority or Consolidated Edison at the
25 addresses contained on Pages 19 and 20 of Exhibit 2?

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2 A We do have some books^{on} on radiation. I
3 believe this is the only book on emergency planning.
4 There may be something that the N.R.C. put out regarding
5 radiation.

6 Q Did you obtain the booklets that you just
7 referred to on the subject of radiation from either
8 The Department of Health or Consolidated Edison at
9 the addresses listed on Page 19?

10 A No, not at the addresses. We have some of
11 the Con Edison material which I believe is put out
12 by the Edison Electrical Institute, which they give
13 out at the educational center in Buchanan.

14 Q Are you referring to the Indian Education^{Point}
15 Center?

16 A Yes. We have those pamphlets.

17 Q Have you visited the Center?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you believe that Con Edison has made an
20 attempt to convey information about Indian Point?

21 A They certainly have made an attempt to
22 convey information about Indian Point.

23 Q Did they indicate that they would be willing
24 to provide you with further information at your request?

25 A The woman there was most helpful.

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2 Q Do you know who the woman was who you spoke
3 with?

4 A I don't remember her name. She was very
5 helpful.

6 Q Have you ever made any attempt to contact
7 the New York State Department of Health concerning
8 emergency planning for Indian Point?

9 A I believe I wrote the Commissioner a letter.
10 But that was not requesting information; it was giving
11 an opinion.

12 Q Are you referring to Commissioner Axelrod?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Have you ever contacted the Four County
15 Nuclear Safety Committee?

16 A If that's where, yes. I must have sent
17 for it, because I remember tearing something out. Yes,
18 I have.

19 MS. POTTERFIELD: Referring to the
20 tear-out post card?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, the tear-out post
22 card on my original book.

23 Q Other than the request for the additional
24 brochure, I take it that you haven't had any further
25 contact with the Four County Nuclear Safety Commission?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q When you mailed in this card that you just
4 indicated, did you indicate that there were any special
5 problems that your children might experience in the
6 event of a radiological emergency?

7 A Special problems other than what any
8 children would experience, no.

9 Q All you did when you returned this card was
10 to request four brochures?

11 A Yes; and telling them why, that I wished
12 one for each member of the family to carry on their
13 person.

14 Q Have you made any attempts to photocopy the
15 brochure to give to each member of the family?

16 A No, I haven't.

17 Q Have you attempted to obtain any additional
18 information concerning emergency planning from the
19 County Government in Westchester?

20 A No, I haven't.

21 Q Is there anyone, other than the source you
22 have indicated that you turned to in order to obtain
23 four additional brochures, who you have contacted to
24 attempt to gain further information about emergency
25 planning for Indian Point?

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2 A Not other than asking some questions of
3 our Town Supervisor and village police chief and the
4 formal discussions, hoping that somebody else might
5 shed some light on a couple of the discrepancies, and
6 the teachers. I have spoken to some of the teachers.

7 Q What are the discrepancies that you referred
8 to?

9 A The one I particularly am concerned about
10 is if they send the children home, tell the children
11 to shelter, and the children, of course, need to walk
12 outside, but another point, I think in here, they
13 tell you to get in a car, roll up your windows and
14 if you don't have a car, walk two blocks and wait for
15 a bus.

16 At one point, you are fully exposed to
17 whatever radiation there is, and at the same time,
18 with the cars, you shut everything off.

19 Q Could you point out to me that specific
20 portion of the brochure that you are referring to as
21 discrepancies?

22 MS. POTTERFIELD: Are you on Page 6?

23 THE WITNESS: Right now I'm on Page 5.

24 A Let me read Pages 5 and 6 very quickly,
25 particularly the last point, "Close the windows and air

1 vents of your car and do not operate the air conditioner
2 until you have left the emergency area."

3 MR. PIKUS: Let the record reflect

4 that the witness is reading from Page 6.

5 A Yes, Page 6.

6 Q Of Exhibit 2.

7 A Yes. "If you do not have a ride, walk to
8 the nearest emergency bus pickup point listed on Pages
9 13 and 14."

10 Q So, those are the two provisions that
11 you are speaking of that you consider to be discrepancies;
12 closing the windows or walking to the nearest bus pickup
13 point?

14 A Yes. I feel that's a discrepancy.

15 Q You did not contact the Power Authority
16 or Con Edison about this discrepancy?

17 A I know ^{that} ^{have} ^{pkh} about other people, but I personally
18 haven't.

19 MR. PIKUS: I am going to ask the
20 Reporter to strike the hearsay portion.

21 MS. POTTERFIELD: It was not hearsay.
22 She did not indicate what was said and there
23 was no indication who said it.

24 MR. PIKUS: My objection is on the
25 record.

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2 Q Are there any other provisions in the
3 document marked as Hickernell Exhibit 2 that you would
4 consider to be discrepancies?

5 A I would have to read it right now to come
6 up with specific ones. Offhand, that was the one I was
7 particularly concerned about.

8 Q What additional information do you feel
9 that you need in order to be able to respond as you
10 would like to the possibility of an accident at Indian
11 Point?

12 A It would be very nice to be able to have
13 the foresight, to know how people would behave in a
14 panic situation; particularly a radiological one,
15 where you can't see and can't feel whatever radiation
16 there might be.

17 Dealing with the unknown is far more
18 frightening than dealing with a normal emergency where
19 you could see what is happening and you can get away
20 from it.

21 Q Have you read that material on radiation
22 that is contained in the brochure marked as Exhibit 2?

23 A I have; and I have also worked with radio-
24 active compounds.

25 Q What is your profession?

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2 A I used to be a chemist.

3 Q How would your family respond in the event
4 that there were a toxic chemical spill that required
5 the evacuation of your home and the area around it?

6 A It depends on the spill. Most of it would
7 be contained in a certain area. We would know that we
8 would be able to come back to our home within a
9 reasonable amount of time.

10 Q Is that true in the event of all chemical
11 spills?

12 A I don't know if you could say all chemical
13 spills, because it's far different from radiation. There
14 are various half-lives. You would have really no idea
15 whether you've gotten ^{I131} I31, which has a half-life of
16 seven and eight days or something like plutonium, which
17 has-- *a half life of approximately one-half million years / pkk*

18 Q Is it your belief that a plutonium radio-
19 nuclei would be released from Indian Point if there
20 were a radiological accident?

21 A It would be possible.

22 Q Have you calculated the possibility of such
23 a release?

24 A No.

25 Q Have you followed the recent news reports

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2 about Times Beach, Missouri, which experienced a
3 dioxane problem?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Isn't it true that portions of Times Beach,
6 because of this chemical spill, had been rendered
7 uninhabitable for long periods of time?

8 A Yes.

9 Q In the event that an evacuation were required
10 because of a chemical spill, and you were not home and
11 your children were, how would your children respond?

12 A If I were not at home, I would imagine they
13 would try to call me first, unless the police came
14 to take the people away to get them out of the area.
15 Any time that my children leave the house, they leave
16 a note as to where they are and the phone number where
17 they can be reached, and I assume they would do the
18 same thing.

19 Q If there were instructions broadcast over
20 either the radio or television or police loudspeakers,
21 do you believe that your children would follow them?

22 A If they were reasonable instructions.

23 MR. PIKUS: I have no further questions.

24 EXAMINATION BY

25 MR. POTTERFIELD:

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Q You testified that you received a brochure in December of 1982, which was the second brochure you received; is that right?

A Yes.

Q Do you know how long it was between the time you requested that second brochure and the time it arrived?

A I believe I sent for it in September.

Q September of 1982?

A Yes.

Q Did you want to say anything further?

A At first I thought I called, but I remember filling out the form.

Q By "the form," do you mean the post card in the back of the brochure?

A Yes.

Q You now have two brochure number fives in your home; is that right?

A Yes.

Q You testified that you had read about Three-Mile Island and that information given by the Government of Pennsylvania was incorrect?

A Yes.

Q Have you had any information about faulty

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2 or incorrect information given by either Con Edison
3 or the Power Authority of the State of New York about
4 any incidences at Indian Point?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Can you tell us what you know about that?

7 A I believe during the leak of radioactive
8 water several years ago they did not know what was
9 going on until I think there was ninety feet of water
10 in one of the containment buildings.

11 Q When you say "they," who do you mean?

12 A The employees at Con Edison. This last
13 time when the Plant was shut down several times for
14 several days at certain portions of the day, there was
15 perhaps no way for them to know how much water was
16 leaking, but it was a guesstimate on their part. I
17 tried to figure out really how much water was leaking
18 out and they gave me a very, very small estimate and
19 then they gave a large estimate.

20 I assume they were doing the best the could,
21 but it doesn't reaffirm ^{my belief} by faith in the utility.

22 Q You have described for us two separate
23 occasions when you remember that you may not have
24 gotten accurate information.

25 A Yes; and also I guess with Indian Point 3,

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2 with the pitting of the tubes.

3 When they first closed the Plant and said
4 that this would be a small job and it would be opened
5 within a couple of months, at about that time, I had
6 heard Robert Pollard and he said that if they opened
7 that Plant within X number of months, we'll all know
8 that it hasn't been repaired.

9 Well, the Plant was closed practically a
10 year ago and now they are asking the N.R.C. to be
11 allowed to plug these tubes and to run with 23 or some
12 percentage as this plugged, and from my reading, this
13 makes it a little more dangerous in that it would
14 not cool down. It would be more difficult for them
15 to cool the Plant down, from my understanding. Rather
16 than just replacing the tubes, just plugging them.

17 MR. PIKUS: I would move to strike
18 that as number one, hearsay; and number
19 two, unresponsive.

20 Q What is the basis of the information that
21 you have just given us?

22 A The newspaper articles.

23 Q Apart from the newspaper articles, you
24 also indicated that you heard Mr. Pollard?

25 A I heard Mr. Pollard.

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2 Q Is there any other source for your
3 information?

4 A No; just the newspaper articles.

5 Q Can you give us the time frame for the
6 first incident you described, the leaking?

7 MR. PIKUS: I am going to object
8 to this at this point on the grounds that
9 this cross-examination is going beyond
10 the scope of the direct. You are free
11 to answer the question.

12 Q I wonder if you could remember approximately
13 when that first incident occurred.

14 A It was a matter of several years ago; I
15 don't know the date.

16 Q How about with respect to the second one?

17 A The second one occurred right after they
18 started the Plant up; after it had been refueled.
19 This was within the past month. Around Valentine's Day.

20 Q You testified in answer to one of Mr.
21 Pikus' questions that you have heard or have learned
22 of a proposed change in the plans that would reroute
23 the children should an accident happen during school
24 hours?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q Can you recall when you first heard or
3 learned about this new change?

4 A It was several weeks ago. I read it in the
5 paper, the comments by County Executive O'Rourke, that
6 he was considering this change because of all the
7 problems with busing out the children, and he felt
8 that perhaps this would get them home.

9 Unfortunately, most children don't have
10 parents at home. Most of the families are working
11 families. So, I'm not sure if this is a great improve-
12 ment. I know this as a class mother. We have a very
13 difficult time trying to reach the parents and trying
14 to get them to volunteer for things during the school
15 day.

16 Q Can you remember whether your first
17 information about this new change came to you before
18 or after the Valentines Day leak that you just mentioned?

19 A I don't remember.

20 Q Would you mind telling us why your family
21 has been unable to come to a final agreement as to
22 where to go in the event of an evacuation?

23 A If one goes by this booklet, one child would
24 be taken to one school and another child would be taken
25 to another school. My husband is in Tarrytown and I

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2 I believe that they're not going to have people re-enter
3 the ten-mile zone. So he certainly wouldn't be able
4 to come home before the children come home. And, also, ^{if}
5 the roads are clogged. It would probably be more
6 important to get out and try to call my mother, so
7 that we could report in to somebody so somebody at
8 least knows where we are.

9 Q It wasn't a dispute about your mother's
10 location being the place to go; it was just a question
11 of logistics?

12 A Absolutely.

13 Q You testified that your previous profession
14 was as a chemist. What are you working at at this
15 particular time?

16 A Right now, I'm getting my Master's in
17 Public Administration. And I work as an administrative
18 systems consultant.

19 MS. POTTERFIELD: I have no further
20 questions.

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23 Barbara K. Hickernell
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24 Sworn and subscribed to before me

25 this 17th day of March, 1983.

Constance Potterfield
4762975, N.Y. County, March 25, 1984

C E R T I F I C A T I O N :

I, Leslie M. Arzoomanian, a Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of New York, do hereby certify that the witness whose testimony is hereinbefore set forth is a true record of the testimony given by that witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Leslie M. Arzoomanian
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Dated: March 14, 1983