

Observer Enid Lebid

Site: School Reception Center
 Fox Lane High School, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.
 (School was not in session.)

Date: March 9, 1983
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Purpose: To observe scanning area at entrance to school,
 where children would be checked for radiation upon arrival.

Observations of site:

Sign outside front entrance: PET Containment Area

Signs inside front lobby: Stop -- Scan Area
 Above 0.1 MR/HR --
 Go to Decon Area
 Clean Area Only!
 Do Not Pass Unless
 Scanned & Clean!

Sign in inner room: Rapid Resolve Services
 Red Cross symbol

Visitors Observed:

Member N.Y. State Disaster Preparedness Commission
Member Division of Military/Naval Affairs (Disaster
 Preparedness Com. under that)
Many personnel of Dept. of Social Services--Peekskill,
 Ossining, Mt. Kisco offices
Federal Observer, FEMA--Tom Baldwin, Ft. Washington

Observations of Procedure: Procedure began approx. 2:00 p.m.
It took an average of 16 minutes to scan each person. Example:

Scanning of one woman: 3 min. scanning portfolio
 10 min. scanning front of woman
 3 min scanning back
 16 min. total

Health Department worker, commenting to police officer: "I
had to hold the scanner in one place for at least five seconds
to get a reading."

Part of the procedure was the scanning of soles of shoes.
Each person was asked to lift one foot at a time to be scanned.
After a clean reading of one foot, the person was asked to step
with that foot only into the clean area, over the tape on the

floor, while keeping the other foot back, and then asked to raise the other foot for scanning. One woman held onto the wall for balance, and then had to have that hand re-scanned, since she touched the wall.

2:40 p.m.-- Out of a total of three Geiger counters, two went dead in less than one hour. A worker noted that they were stamped, "Date checked, Feb. 1983." (Four batteries each.)

Replacement batteries evidently did not work either, since an entire box of them, labeled, "Extra Batteries," were not used. These batteries were not dated, the worker observed. Scanning was continued, with one Geiger counter instead of three.

Following this audible exchange of information, the Health Department worker was taken aside by the worker in charge. It was obvious that no further comments were heard after that, regarding faulty equipment. This occurred after the disclosure of my identification as a member of the Alliance to Close Indian Point.

A worker announced that there would be "more equipment shortly." One worker said that there were a couple of other scanners somewhere else in the building, but they were in use. After close to an hour of scanning with one Geiger counter only, one more was added.

3:50 p.m.-- When more than 10 people were waiting on line to be scanned, the scanning time was reduced from approximately 16 minutes to 5 minutes per person.

When FEMA observer's turn came to be scanned, Health Department worker asked, "Do you know your exposure dose today?" He replied negatively, and she proceeded to scan. Registered a higher reading for one lower leg. Responded negatively to question, was he carrying anything. Said he came from Peekskill, and had been on a bus, when asked where he had been.

The Health Department people seemed to perform their jobs with faulty and inadequate equipment as if nothing were wrong. One visitor commented, "I think these people are hypnotized." Another visitor said, "Can you just picture if there really was a disaster--everybody getting into their cars?"

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