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Rockland County's recent evacuation training points out the 4 year old problems involved with the evacuation plan for Indian Point and solve them by the August, 1983 Drill.

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According to the July 24th Citizen Register, problems, euphemistically termed "details", to be resolved by August 24th include: (1) bilingual nuclear emergency booklets, (2) an answer to evacuation of handicapped and disabled, (3) chain of command for key emergency workers to know where and when to meet and what to do once there, (4) emergency bus transportation contracts, (5) role of school districts, and (6) training of 500 state and utility employees to substitute for Rockland emergency officials during the drill.

Therefore, for the drill to work, the following problems will have been solved thusly: Bilingual booklets will have been received and those people will know what to do; enough ambulances will materialize to evacuate all handicapped and disabled, at homes and at hospitals; the chain of command will be ingrained in emergency personnel like immediate action during a fire drill; bus companies will suddenly be eager to sign their equipment and workers to drive in potentially radiated areas thus becoming radiated; school personnel will know by August 24th if and when they'll cooperate in an evacuation and know the legalities involved; and 500 substitute officials will be trained well in key rolls and as bus drivers.

The long standing problem of vast amounts of money for evacuation plan implementation must have been magically solved. I think it is safe to assume bushels of money will be needed for booklet publication and dissemination, for "X" number of ambulances (drivers from where?), money for testing the chain of command before the drill, money to pay for overtime or whatever agreed to amount to bus drivers and for decontamination of them and the hundreds of buses, money

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to train school personnel in their evacuation roles, money to train substitute officials and eventually more money to train Rockland officials in lieu of substitutes. The money from heaven I suppose emanates from the state; ie. from our taxes. Don't you wonder how these amounts were approved all of a sudden, when for 4 years, no state agency wanted to give a nickel to implement the evacuation plans?

Governor Cuomo must have blinders on, subsidizing this Plan when the money could be better spent closing Indian Point. Lately, however, he seems to be enamored by nuclear power, as evident by his subsidization of Grumman's utility rates. Why not subsidize all counties serviced by Indian Point and Shoreham, making such subsidization democratic?

Did you know Con Edison plans to pass on to us ratepayers a \$40 million bill for partial construction of a hydro-electric plant in Orange County, abandoned in 1974? "Lack of need" (Citizen Register, July 27) is one of the primary reasons. New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams is going to court to stop Con Ed from passing this massive mistake on to us. How about closing Indian Point, which supplied in 1982 only 7% of our electricity (per Alliance to Close Indian Point) and finishing the safer, cheap hydro-electric plant and give us power from it? Just think--no funding for evacuation plans, no legal problems for evacuation plans, no back room political jockeying of the evacuation plans.

After all, no one wants the Plans, no one likes the Plans, no one truthfully believes in the workability of the Plans. With the Nuclear Regulatory Commission giving the plants involved more and more time to sidestep evacuation planning, we know how they really feel--the commissioners believe the utilities'

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statements that an accident will never occur, so why treat evacuation planning as a reality? Independent studies have shown serious likelihood of a major accident. Planning for our future must include closing the plants and getting other sources of electricity.

Sincerely,

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P. S. I called Con Ed Monday 8/15
9:45 am for their figure of the
percentage of power supplied by
Indian Point II, but the spokes-
person did not call back by 11 am.
This letter had to be at the
weekly newspaper by 8/15 noon.
Their figure is still invited for
future reference.

cc: Croton-Cortlandt News
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