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RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUND BEACH PRE-SCHOOL
ON NOVEMBER 16, 1983

- "WHEREAS, federal regulations for full power operation of the Shoreham Nuclear Plant require an emergency plan for communities surrounding the plant which will assure those communities adequate protection in event of a nuclear emergency and,
- "WHEREAS, the Long Island Lighting Company, in an effort to meet federal regulations, has prepared an emergency plan which LILCO, lacking coordination with local or state governments, will attempt to implement; and
- "WHEREAS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Shoreham licensing board is now conducting hearings to review the adequacy of the LILCO emergency plan; and
- "WHEREAS, the LILCO emergency plan includes protective actions to be taken by the schools, and
- "WHEREAS, this board has identified the following weaknesses in the LILCO emergency plan :
- "1. Early Dismissal
Our emergency early dismissal procedure, which LILCO's plan incorporates, would not bring school children to an uncontaminated area quickly enough to protect their health and safety.
 - "2. Transportation
In an attempt to retrieve their children, parents will be faced, not only with added road congestion due to the ongoing evacuation procedures, but also with the possible conflict regarding older siblings being returned to an empty home while the parent is in transit to and from our school.
 - "3. Needs of School Personnel
We cannot guarantee that teaching personnel will stay in school to supervise early dismissal. These teachers need to attend to the safety of their own families and, therefore, may not be available to perform emergency related tasks.
 - "4. Notification
The success of an early dismissal plan depends on prompt dismissal from schools. In those cases in which parents will not be home during the day, the school may not be able to contact them by phone. We must also take into consideration that congested telephone lines would hamper our attempts to notify parents immediately.

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"5. Relocation

If a Shoreham emergency develops quickly and requires an evacuation of children from schools directly to relocation centers, this school does not have any vehicles or drivers to transport all children to relocation centers in a timely effective manner.

"6. Supervision at Relocation Centers

We cannot guarantee that teaching or non-teaching personnel could travel to and remain at relocation centers to supervise school children until parents arrive to retrieve them.

"7. Sheltering

The LILCO plan suggests that sheltering (remaining indoors) may be the preferred protective action in specific Shoreham emergencies. However, none of this district's schools nor our own school have basements or other structures necessary to provide adequate protection.

"8. Trust in Public Information

In the LILCO plan, the only public information upon which to base decisions for protective actions will come from the utility. LILCO, through its Public Schools Coordinator and WALK AM Radio, will both describe the extent of the emergency and recommend actions. Because LILCO would be both operator of the plant and initiator of emergency actions, potential for conflict of interest exists. School administrators, receiving information only from LILCO and not from any governmental agency, will be forced to decide upon actions with potentially serious consequences without the benefit of a directive from a responsible governmental source.

"9. Indemnification

LILCO does not provide indemnification for school districts should damages, injuries, or deaths result from school administrators decisions during an emergency, decisions which can be made based only upon information and recommendations offered by LILCO.

"Now, be it therefore

"RESOLVED, that the Sound Beach Pre-School finds that LILCO's emergency plans for schools do not offer children or school personnel of the Sound Beach Pre-School adequate protection in the event of an accident at the Shoreham Nuclear Plant; and, be it further

"RESOLVED, that this school board believes that licensing of the Shoreham Nuclear Plant should not be permitted unless or until complete and reasonable resolution of these outstanding, critical emergency planning problems can be achieved. "

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUND BEACH PRE-SCHOOL AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16th, 1983.

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