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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Nunzio J. Palladino *NJP*

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING OF EMERGENCY PLAN DRILL FOR
SHOREHAM

I would like your comments on the scheduling matters covered in the attached newspaper article by COB Tuesday, January 22, 1985.

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By Rick Brand

Federal officials said yesterday that Long Island Lighting Co. probably will not be allowed to hold a drill of its emergency plan for the Shoreham nuclear power plant the week of Feb. 11, the date sought by the utility.

"I don't think it's practical to have a drill at that time," said Edward Jordan, head of emergency preparedness for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Jordan's feelings were echoed by Frank Petrone, regional director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Jordan said no action has been taken on LILCO's request because of the "unresolved legal problems" of whether LILCO has the legal authority to implement its plan, in which company employees assume duties

normally performed by government workers. New York State and Suffolk County have challenged in court the utility's right to implement its plan.

The only thing the NRC has done, Jordan said, is to send a letter to FEMA informing it of LILCO's request and subsequent objections by the state and Suffolk. There was no request for FEMA to schedule a drill. Under an agreement, the NRC would have to ask FEMA to schedule the drill, which it would also oversee and grade.

The NRC letter does, however, ask FEMA "to take a lead in any preliminary consideration of this matter." Petrone said he will schedule a meeting with LILCO to discuss what a drill would entail and to talk about later dates.

Jordan could not say when a drill might be scheduled or when a decision on the issue could be made. Petrone said his office normally needs at least three months to prepare a drill once the NRC makes a request. He said a spring date for a drill still might be possible if the unresolved issues can be settled in the next month or so.

Ira Freilicher, LILCO's vice president for public affairs, said the company would cooperate with federal officials. "We're ready to proceed at any time with a drill," he said.

LILCO must successfully complete a drill before it can get a commercial operating license for Shoreham. The utility hopes to have the plant begin commercial operations Oct. 1. The plant must be in commercial operation before customers can be required to pay for the plant's cost.



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