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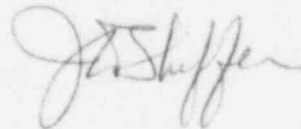
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Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2
Diablo Canyon Newsletter

Dear Mr. Martin:

Enclosed is a copy of the January 1986 "Diablo Canyon Newsletter." This Newsletter is published to inform San Luis Obispo County residents about Diablo Canyon Power Plant and the Emergency Response Plan. Copies of the newsletter are being provided to the NRC to facilitate awareness of PGandE's public education program as it concerns the Emergency Response Plan.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this material on the enclosed copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Sincerely,



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Profile: Henry Wachtmann, Lucia Mar School District

Henry Wachtmann has been an eyewitness to the growth of the Lucia Mar School District for the past 32 years. As the district's Director of Operations he's seen it grow from "one or two schools to a 14-school unified district spread over 540 square miles with responsibility for the education of 7,553 children."

The district stretches from Shell Beach to the Santa Maria River on the south, and east to the Kern County line. "A lot can happen in 540 square miles," Wachtmann notes. "and the faster we know about it, and act, the safer the children."

Wachtmann, who has lifetime teaching and school administrator credentials, is directly responsible for the district's buildings and grounds, cafeterias, administrative and business services and pupil transportation. He is responsible for making sure the district's emergency plans work.

High on Wachtmann's list of priorities is the safety of every one of the district's students and teachers.

In April 1982, the Lucia Mar School District completed work on an emergency plan. It was the first school district in San Luis Obispo County to adopt a plan specifically for an emergency at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.



Henry Wachtmann - Planner

"We knew it had to be done," Wachtmann says, from behind a desk surrounded by small mountains of the paperwork that makes a school district run. "If it was going to work, the emergency plan had to be done right. We took our meetings with the County Office of Emergency Services and Pacific Gas and Electric Company very seriously."

Just having an emergency plan wasn't enough for "Hank." He needed to know how emergency plans are formulated and implemented. More importantly, he needed to know what help could be counted on from other agencies, such as the fire and police departments, the state, engineering and other transportation services. "What makes an emergency plan 'good'?" piqued Wachtmann's interest.

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Annual Field Exercise Is Big Success

When it comes to emergency planning, and exercising those plans, the County of San Luis Obispo and Pacific Gas and Electric Company score high in the eyes of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

That's the consensus following the annual "Field Exercise" for county and PG&E emergency teams held on October 30 in San Luis Obispo.

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Refresher Course for Medics

If medical emergencies should occur at Diablo Canyon Power Plant or elsewhere in San Luis Obispo County, well-trained medical teams would swing into action to care for the injured.

The teams have been trained to deal with just about any medical emergency, but emphasis has been placed on dealing with industrial accident victims who may have become contaminated with radioactive material at the plant.

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Profile: Henry Wachtmann

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What better place to find out than the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI), operated by the State Office of Emergency Services at Camp San Luis Obispo?

Wachtmann enrolled in this "university for public administration and law enforcement" in early 1972 for an intensive seven-day course on Civil Emergency Management (Nuclear Incident/Accident). He and other students learned much about emergency planning and were tested in a comprehensive day-long exercise.

He returned to Arroyo Grande and wrote a plan for the school district.

The plan takes into account many contingencies such as weather, availability of transportation and emergency supplies, adequacy of building structures, teacher, administration and student instruction in emergency procedures and many "what ifs."

"The plan is comprehensive. It doesn't address just the possibility of an accident at Diablo Canyon Power Plant; it takes into account flooding in the event of a dam collapse or heavy rain; earthquake; a hazardous materials spill that might affect any of the district's schools; fire; highway accidents that could disrupt bus transportation, or any other event that could pose a threat to the district's children or teachers while school is in session," Wachtmann says.

"Several schools in the district are in the flood plain of a dam up the hill," he says, motioning his left arm toward the office window and Lopez Dam hidden out of sight. "If the dam were to collapse, we'd have 12 minutes to act here, and a lit-



Paulding School buses ready for the trip home as Henry Wachtmann and Al Sauvadon observe.

tle longer at other schools. We have to be prepared," he declares.

Next to Henry Wachtmann's desk at the Lucia Mar School District offices in Arroyo Grande are two radios and a radio transmitter.

"Those keep us informed of any emergency situation that might affect the school district or the safety of our children," he says, pointing to a tone alert monitor used by the county to broadcast emergency information, and a police radio frequency scanner. "This one," he says, pointing to the transmitter, "keeps us in touch with our 32 buses, every school and every department in the district."

"Without communications," he says, "you can't respond to an emergency that could threaten the district, or the children."

"Without being pretentious, we think our district is prepared for an emergency — perhaps better than any other — to cope with the unexpected," Wachtmann says.

"What makes our plan work," he says, "is the tremendous cooperation we have received from the whole com-

munity, from the board members right down to the people who work in our shops. And everyone is trained, including the children who have learned how to board school buses in emergency conditions.

"Where else do off-duty bus drivers voluntarily let you know where they are going to be?" Wachtmann asks. "Without them we'd be hard pressed to make the plan really work. They are a great group."

"Hank wrote just about the entire plan," says Transportation Superintendent Al Sauvadon, also a CSTI "graduate." "He put a lot of thought into it. And when it was presented to the district school board it was adopted quickly, but not without questions from parents and administration being answered."

Hank Wachtmann feels pretty comfortable with the emergency plan the Lucia Mar School District adopted in 1982 to cope with emergencies.

"We have tested the plan every year since it was adopted," he says.

One Lucia Mar school has actually been evacuated each year since 1982 to Santa Maria's Hancock College. The evacuation, complete with police escorts and "emergency loading" of district buses proves that the district can act both quickly and safely. □

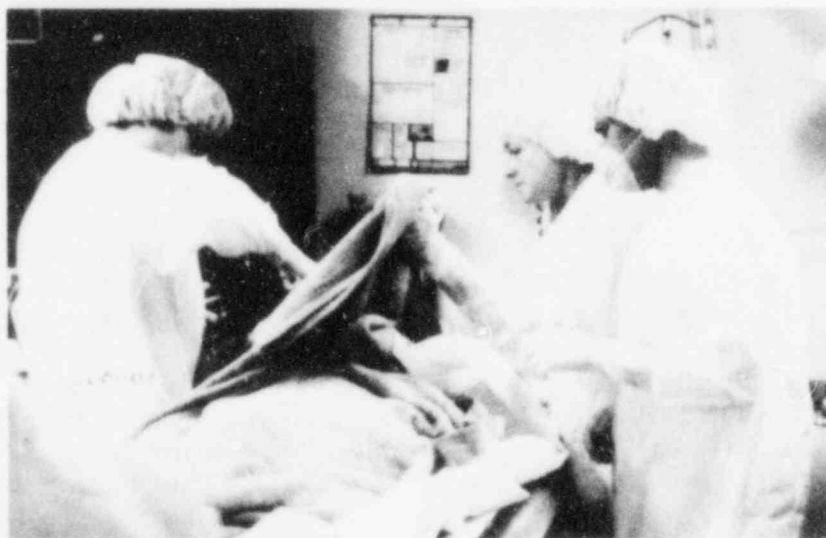


Henry Wachtmann keeps close tabs on Lucia Mar schools

Refresher For Medics

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Staff personnel at French Hospital in San Luis Obispo, St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, San Luis and San Francisco ambulance services and Air Ambulance Inc. of San Carlos undergo annual refresher courses for medical personnel. They drill on procedures that would be put into effect if a person contaminated



French Hospital medical team treats a "victim" during annual medical exercise in San Luis Obispo last summer.

by radioactive material required medical attention.

Special teams from the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Radiation Emergency Management Service are available to assist on short notice.

Radiation contamination levels that might be sustained in a nuclear plant accident are considered by specialists to be very low, with little risk to either the victim or medical personnel. (However, medical personnel must be trained to deal with even minor amounts of radiation.)

An annual drill is required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

This year's drill in San Luis Obispo took place on July 12.

Dr. Fred Mettler, Jr., Medical Director with Radiation Emergency Management Service, a consulting expert in radiation medical emergencies, said of the drill, "In my travels around the country, I don't think any (nuclear power plant) provided any better care than I observed in San Luis Obispo from both the hospital or ambulance point of view."

He added, "The reason it (the medical emergency response) worked so well is that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has made a commitment to excellence in this, and other, areas." Dr. Mettler noted, "Management at the scene was excellent with first responders alertly taking care of the airway, breathing and circulation (of the victims). A controlled area was set up to assure containment of the contamination."

The drill also successfully tested communications between the plant, the ambulance and the hospital.

Field Exercise

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This year's drill began at 5:20 a.m. when a simulated "unusual event" was declared at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The scenario, developed by PG&E and approved by the NRC, eventually worked its way to a simulated "general emergency" which would have required the evacuation of residents living near the plant, and "sheltering" of others.

Emergency teams from the county, PG&E, the Red Cross, ARES, cities and state assembled at the Emergency Operations Center near the sheriff's office and performed tasks that would be carried out had the emergency been real instead of simulated.

The cooperation between the county and PG&E drew high marks from federal evaluators, as did the performance of emergency management tasks.

At Cuesta College, an emergency news center was opened and regular briefings on the "plant emergency" and the county's actions to protect the public were given to journalists. Local reporters and journalism students from both Cal Poly and Cuesta College added realism to the event.

"Every year the response of emergency teams is better than the last, and this year is no exception," commented one evaluator.

The emergency facilities and emergency training which have been invested in San Luis Obispo County paid dividends this summer during the Las Pilitas fire when the Emergency Operations Center and the county emergency organization were activated with outstanding results.

Disabled Persons Asked To Register For Help

If you have a disability and would need assistance leaving your residence in case of an evacuation, you should be registered with the County Office of Emergency Services.

To register, fill out and mail the postage-free Transportation Assistance Request Card found

on the back cover of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Emergency Response Plan Booklet mailed in October, or call the County Office of Emergency Services at 549-5011.

Reporting changes in disability status assures lists that are as current as possible. □

Ocean View Elementary in Protective Zone 10

Parents with children attending Lucia Mar Elementary School District's Ocean View Elementary School should note that the school is located in Protective Action Zone 10. The

school listing was omitted from a listing of Lucia Mar School District facilities on page 12 of the Emergency Response Plan Booklet. □

Emergency Plan Booklet Is Mailed

The 1985-86 edition of the Diablo Canyon Emergency Response Plan booklet has been mailed to all residents and businesses located within the Basic Emergency Planning Zone around the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

"The booklet contains a great deal of emergency information," said Jeff Hamm, County Office of Emergency Services, "and should be used for family emergency planning."

If you have not received a copy, or would like additional copies at no cost, call the County Office of Emergency Services at 549-5011 or Pacific Gas and Electric Company at 544-3334.

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