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WILLIAM J. SAYRES

February 19, 1981

Mr. Brian Grimes  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20055

Dear Mr. Grimes:

The Verplanck Fire District wishes to register grave concern regarding development of the 'Indian Point Plan' for dealing with emergency situations at the site of this nuclear plant. It is our understanding that this proposal is currently under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for possible action by April 1, and we hope you will take the following information into consideration before making any final determination.

Indian Point is within our fire district and we are part of the first line of defense for emergencies occurring at that location, and yet we have never been consulted at any stage in the development of this plan.

The one contact we have had with Indian Point was a request for use of our hall as a media center in case of emergencies, so Consolidated Edison and the State Power Authority who run the nuclear reactors at the site are obviously aware of our existence. Despite this awareness, we have never been included in substantive discussions - or any discussions, for that matter - regarding emergency response plans.

It seems to us a blatant oversight that we who are in a role obviously crucial to the handling of an emergency were not consulted on the formulation of response plans. We cannot help but wonder, therefore, just how many other oversights are inherent in the plan.

In light of the foregoing consideration, we trust you will agree that NRC approval of this plan without further community input would be a highly irresponsible action. We work very diligently around the clock and throughout the year to protect the lives and property in our district; we hope you will assist our efforts by rejecting anything less than a comprehensive program that takes into consideration all the individuals and organizations who would be most affected by an emergency at Indian Point.

We look to your support.

Sincerely,

*William J. Sayres*  
Secretary/Treasurer  
for

Board of Fire Commissioners

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