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Town of Cortlandt  
Town Board  
Municipal Building  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Attn: Ms. Harriet L. Boyle  
Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Boyle:

This letter is in response to Resolution number 276-89 (re: Indian Point Nuclear Facility Sirens), which was adopted by the town board on September 26, 1989.

Consolidated Edison Company and the New York Power Authority are dedicated to the safe operation of the Indian Point plants. The siren system is one of several mechanisms for notifying the public in the unlikely event of an emergency at the power plants. The siren system has proven to be reliable. A stringent testing program is conducted to assure its reliability.

The problems encountered during the scheduled September 5, 1989 test of the Westchester County sirens were due to difficulties with the primary and back-up activation devices for the system. These devices were returned to service within a few hours. To protect against the chance that both activation devices would be inoperable again, we have delivered a third activation device to Westchester County.

While any malfunction of the siren system concerns us, the subsequent test on September 8, 1989 was not a failure. Seventy three of the 77 sirens in Westchester County operated. While four sirens did not operate properly, overlapping coverage exists in many of these areas.

The siren system is owned and maintained by Consolidated Edison and the New York Power Authority. Activation of the siren system and notification of the affected police agencies is the responsibility of Westchester County. On September 5, 1989 after the equipment difficulties were identified, Westchester Emergency Services officials alerted the Westchester County Warning Point at Hawthorne to standby for route alerting.

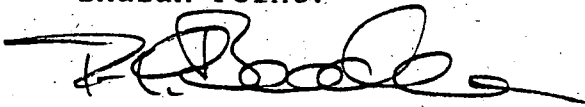
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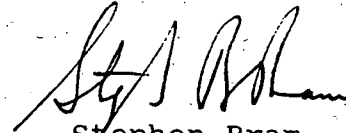
In the event of a real emergency at the power plants, the Westchester County Warning Point would notify all the police agencies in the Westchester County portion of the emergency planning zone via the police hotline. Local police and fire departments would have been dispatched to conduct route alerting, to notify residents in areas where the sirens did not work.

Sirens are but one part of a comprehensive notification plan developed by the State, Westchester County and the utilities. The sirens notify the residents to turn on their Emergency Broadcast Station (EBS).

We share your interest in the safety of the public around Indian Point.



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