

Nuclear Regulating Commission,

As a New Yorker, I've seen police cars and ambulances immobilized in mid-town traffic, even at non rush hours. What good are waiting sirens when there is no place for the myriad autos, taxis, buses, and trucks to go, to make way for emergency vehicles? So they stay, howling away, to no avail.

I've been on the Long Island Expressway, The Queensboro bridge, The Wallenburgh, Throgs Neck, Whitestone - bumper to bumper - no one budging, because of extra-ordinary flows of traffic - The West Side Highway, Major Deegan, Belt Parkway, Island Central, Cross Island - you name it. In rush hour especially, if you're lucky enough to move, it's creep, creep, creep.

You talk of EVACUATION of approximately 20 million people who live within ⁴⁵ ~~25~~ to ~~30~~ ⁵⁰ miles of Buchanan and Indian Point. That 20 million people is one tenth of the population of the U.S. - its ONE HALF of the population of 13 Western states - (see enclosed Page of Newsweek, Sept 17 '79) -

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in an area of New York which has one half of
the ^{number of} people of the ^{combined} 13 states of California,
Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona,
Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana,
Texas and Oklahoma -

There is NO EVACUATION PLAN
which could remove this massive number
of people in the event of a disaster!

It was insane to build Indian Point
where it is, but to keep it open is not only
insane, it is CRIMINAL.

You dream, when you talk about
evacuation. In the Real World, a
disaster, class 9 accident, releasing core
materials and fuels such as plutonium and
cesium, would allow no escape.

It is Scandalous that you avoid talk
of a nuclear disaster. Stop the Public Relations
performance. CLOSE Indian Point - don't open Shrek
Indian Point is 18 years old - mankind lived millennia
without nuclear power. We can live again, more safely,
without it. CLOSE Indian Point.
Mrs Lucille Layton