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Dear Doctor Salomon:

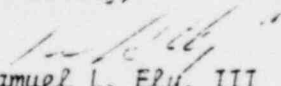
In reply to an article in the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's News Release, Volume 5, Number 41 for the week ending November 13, 1979, I would like to submit my thoughts.

This office will be directly involved with the emergency planning for the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Our county has a population of 630,000 of which approximately 110,000 fall within the ten-mile radius, and approximately 350,000 fall within the 20-mile radius. Two other counties are also involved within the five and ten mile radius. As you can imagine, to provide a comprehensive, workable, effective and efficient plan is quite a task.

Most counties have an adequate staff for their normal duties and responsibilities. With an undertaking of this magnitude, considering both the scope and consequences, I feel that funding for vital agencies should be undertaken. In many cases, this could entail much needed additional staffing not to mention materials, planning, maps, meetings and many intangible time-consuming activities directly related to plans, programs, and hardware.

It appears obvious that in many instances additional forms of warning will be necessary for alerting the public if an incident should occur. A program that would reimburse or absorb some or all of these costs to assure a workable emergency plan is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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