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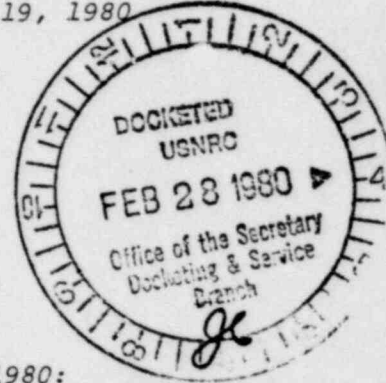
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In response to your correspondence of February 1, 1980:  
I must outline our County background in order for you to  
understand my comments:

Ocean County, New Jersey lies on the Atlantic Coast approximately 65 miles south of New York City. It has a permanent population estimated in 1980 of approximately 330,000. The permanent residency increase rate is extremely rapid, with a 63% increase occurring during the past ten years, following a 93% increase in the 1960-1970 decade. Ocean County is rated among the fastest growing counties, in terms of population, in the country and the growth rate is not expected to decrease. The largest population sectors [approximately 58% of the total] are predominantly in the northern area of the County. Public transportation has never been extensive and the rapid escalation of population in recent years has resulted in increased automobile traffic and congestion on the existing streets and network of roadways.

The major economic base for Ocean County has been for a long time tourism, the resort and amusement trade. During the resort season population on an average weekend doubles two fold. On this basis, I submit the following:

A. Operational Capability

1. Emergency Operations Facility

a. Inadequate for the support units required to maintain:

- (1) Communications to the existing units
- (2) The lack of a command center communications
- (3) Lack of adequate meteorological information
- (4) Fragmented operations dispersal

b. Inadequate facility available for extended operations

Comment: During an operation all response coordinators [i.e. NRC, Parent Company (JCP&L), DEP (Bureau of Radiation), New Jersey State Police (Emergency Management), County support groups] should be operational as a unit, versus the existing situation: one unit one place, others miles away.

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2. With in excess of 40 radio frequencies there is a lack of a command network tied directly to all the operational units.
3. For meteorological information, we are served by three NOAA facilities: New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.
4. During extended operations, lack of adequate food and lodging to sustain staff requirements.

B. Warning

1. Siren:

- a. Extremely costly to procure
- b. Environmental conditions and cost of maintenance
- c. With current conservation trends
  - (1) Increased insulation
  - (2) Storm windows
- d. Residents cannot hear
- e. Lack of centralized warning center

2. Private Vehicle:

- a. Large majority have only AM receiving capability
- b. Two FM commercial broadcast stations in this county
- c. Inadequate communications to the dispersal traffic to note evacuation routing, instructions, shelter areas, etc.
- d. Once they are in a private vehicle, we lose contact with the public.

3. Warning by Emergency Vehicles:

- a. Utilize public address system presently
- b. Protective equipment lacking
  - (1) Dosimeters
  - (2) Radiac meters
    - (a) CD 700 series limited amount of equipment available
    - (b) Training requirements
      - 1 Contracts wrtitten if person [officer] attends school or participates in drill in off time hours - compensation is time and a half or double time.
      - a Budgetary limitations are hereby dictated

C. Education

1. Educational brochures

- a. 100,000 - cost estimates \$11,000 minimum for printing
- b. Requirements for permanent residents within planning zone
- c. Requirements for transient (summer) residents

2. Potassium Iodide

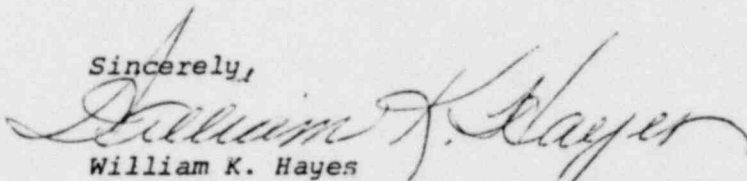
- a. Educational requirements
- b. Availability of dispersal plans
- c. Availability of product

D. Summary

In order to achieve some degree of emergency preparedness Ocean County maintains an operational salaried staff of four full time and two part-time personnel, and is continually upgrading operations. We could extend our commentaries and personnel but there are severe budget limitations for equipment materials.

Although there have been statements issued declaring that the facility [Oyster Creek] has assisted the overall operation, this is gross misinformation. . The fact is that IF our two departments could meet on a one to one basis and establish a dialogue, there are many items in various areas that could be agreed upon to enhance the overall operation.

Sincerely,



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