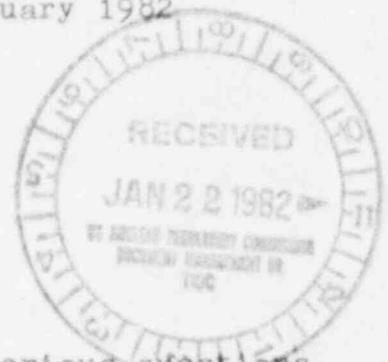


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Dear Mr. McKenna:

I am writing to gain answers to what I feel are very serious questions concerning the Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Gill. I hope that you will take the time to answer each of my concerns. Until they are addressed I find I cannot agree with the particular plan given to the Town of Gill. I will advocate not signing the plan until that point in time that my questions are answered satisfactorily.

1. Who wrote this plan and why weren't any of the town officials contacted to assist with the writing?
2. On page viii #4 it mentions Emergency Operations Centers. Where is this center to be located and who will man it? Is this the same as the Emergency Operations Facility? What will this center/facility be equipped with?
3. There are various terms used to describe the emergency situation and the action to be taken. Who determines when these events occur and what specifically is an unusual event, an alert, a site area emergency and a general emergency?
4. There are numerous references to officials and organizations to contact, yet there are no specific names or numbers. Why? Who?
5. On page 2d it states "In the event of a radiation incident at a (my underlining) nuclear power plant, the capability (of Gill) will be increased by proper coordination with the Emergency Response Plans of the Commonwealth and surrounding communities". In what specific way will this occur and with what specific vehicles, equipment and personnel?
6. On page 3; Exactly how is the ERO prepared to deal with limited disaster or emergency conditions within the town?
7. Can town officials be reasonably expected to fill more than one staff position in the Emergency Response Organization? p.6(2.3.2)
8. Since, according to the plan, Gill will not have radiological field monitoring equipment, what person(s) from the State Department of Public Health and/or the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station will do this?
9. Is it not true that radiological drugs must be administered within an hour of contamination to be effective? If so, how will this be possible if it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Health and not the local Board of Health?
10. Page 8 section 2.7 Radiological Exposure Control; What are the procedures that the State Department of Health follows for radiological decontamination? Shouldn't local officials be aware of these procedures?
11. Page 10; Why will Gill not be able to send a representative to the nuclear power station's Emergency Operations Facility?

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12. Page 11 (7) It states that the Red Cross has agreed to operate the reception centers. According to the executive director of our local chapter this is not true. They will manage the sheltering and feeding of the people. Greenfield Community College is designated as a reception area, not a shelter. As yet, there have been no shelters approved by the Red Cross.

13. Page 9; What are the procedures the State Department of Public Health uses to dispose of waste?

14. Page A-3; Why are the Gill schools responsible for developing a plan of their own? Is this plan not adequate? Is the responsibility being shifted here?

15. Page A-4 (h); Who determined that it is possible to evacuate the Town of Gill in thirty minutes?

16. Why were the town officials given this plan to sign on such short notice (the deadline for Vermont Yankee, I assume, still is January 15)?

17. Who is ultimately responsible in case of an accident? Where does the responsibility lie for developing an adequate plan?

I feel that almost everyone is in agreement that a plan is necessary. Unfortunately there seems to be a great deal of miscommunication and misunderstanding concerning the development of such a plan and who is responsible. I hope that you will take the time to answer each of my questions as fully as possible.

Sincerely,

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