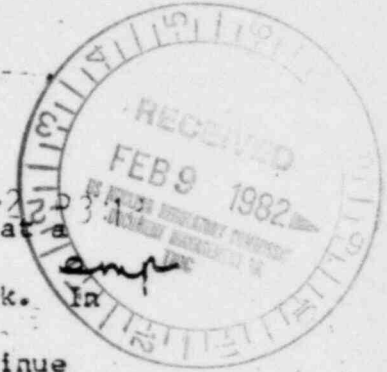


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Dear Mr. Carter



While jogging along listening to my Walkman radio which is set at a reasonable level, I pass a nuclear evacuation siren which doesn't work. At the distance, I think I hear a siren but cannot be certain, so I continue jogging. That seems a situation which could possibly occur. Even if all the sirens were functioning, then what would I do? Zoom home and take my iodide pill and pray that my 6 year old daughter remembers that this is the time to swallow the pill in her lunchbox? Who would be dumb enough, if asked, to sign a contract to drive into the area in order to evacuate our children? I can only picture lobotomized, programmed people with no fear and anxiety running through them as possible candidates. Then you will not only have to finally and seriously account for anxiety of parents and children as byproducts of nuclear plants but also for mass anger and resentment.

How do you apologize at that time for not siting the plant in a better location, in other words, not on a fault, not cooled with corrosive water from the Hudson River, not near a tremendously populated area? How do you then go on to explain why you never built massive fallout shelters, since evacuating on these roads is suicidal? Finally as the ultimate testimonial to your lack of planning, how do you explain to the President and to the Governor that you are sorry all this prime real estate close to New York City is now devoid of tax and utility payers, and that it is all radioactive for hundreds and hundreds of years?

I can picture two corporate responses. The usual one which comes to mind immediately is that you think we protestors are all extremists, that the chance of nuclear disaster at a power plant is so remote, it doesn't warrant evacuation plans. The second response is that you see the insanity of the geographical location of Indian Point, its proximity to New York City and near such mediocre roadways.

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With supposedly multi-degreed people heading the NRC, PASNY, and Con Ed, one would expect logic and clear-thinking. That would dictate admitting the possibility of human error at Indian Point, from minor mishaps to major nuclear accidents. Such clear-thinking would then realize the folly of a nuclear plant, in this area anyway, and the folly of the "Big Brotherism" of iodide pill distribution.

I will be satisfied with a coal plant. With such a plant, I will not have to have special pills with me at all times and in my child's lunchbox. With a coal plant, I will not need multi-million dollar evacuation plans. If anything, I'll get lung disease and die over a 40 year span, a vast improvement over dying in a short span of time from a major nuclear power plant accident.

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