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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brian K. Grimes, Director
Division of Emergency Preparedness
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

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FROM: *Richard W. Krimm*
Richard W. Krimm
Assistant Associate Director
Office of Natural and Technological Hazards

SUBJECT: Need for Findings on Indian Point

Reference: Mr. Brian Grimes to Mr. Krimm, dated June 16, 1982,
Same Subject

In response to the reference memorandum, which requests an interim finding under the FEMA/NRC Memorandum of Understanding, I have attached the Post Exercise Assessment dated May 27, 1982, together with the June 4 press release relating to the March 3, 1982 exercise at Indian Point. The Post Exercise Assessment was provided to NRC Region I by FEMA Region II.

Significant deficiencies ("capability weak") are identified in the press release and discussed in the Post Exercise Assessment:

- Westchester County pages 30 & 36
- Rockland County pages 39, 40, 42 & 43
- Orange County pages 49 & 54
- Putnam County page 59

As indicated in Mr. Petrone's letter date June 17 to Mr. Hennessy (also attached), Region II, FEMA will review the State's schedule of corrective actions in developing the recommendations for an Interim Finding by FEMA headquarters, as you have requested. Further, a meeting with the State is suggested by Mr. Petrone on either July 7 or 8, at which time the methods and timing for resolution of significant deficiencies will be reviewed. Assuming this schedule of events takes place as projected, the FEMA headquarters Interim Finding with respect to preparedness at Indian Point will be transmitted to you by July 30.

Attachment
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Region II

26 Federal Plaza

New York, New York 10278

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Mr. William C. Hennessy, Chairman
Disaster Preparedness Commission
State of New York
Public Security Building
State Campus
Albany, New York 12226

Dear Mr. Hennessy:

Mr. Davidoff of your staff has informed us that you and Dr. Axelrod are not available to meet with me regarding the Radiological Emergency Preparedness program in New York until July 6th. I suggest that we meet in your office at 10:00 a.m. on either July 7th or 8th. If this is convenient for both you and Dr. Axelrod, please let me know.

For a number of reasons, I believe that it is imperative that we meet as soon as possible. This office's next quarterly meeting with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is scheduled for July 15th. I want to make every effort to meet with you before July 15th, so that I will be able to discuss the current status of the REP program in New York with NRC officials at that time.

In my letter to you of June 1st, which transmitted our Post Exercise Assessment for Indian Point, I requested that you provide me with a schedule of remedial actions, by date, for correcting the deficiencies cited in the report within 25 days. I now request that by June 30, 1982 you provide us with the outstanding corrective actions for the other sites in New York.

According to our records, we have received schedules of corrective action on the Nine-Mile Point and Ginna Post Exercise Assessment reports. We furnished you a reply to your May 5th letter on the Ginna Exercise in our letter dated June 9, 1982.

Your April 8th letter, regarding the corrective actions for Nine-Mile Point exercise deficiencies is still under review. However, we have not received as yet the plan revisions as recommended by the Regional Assistance Committee.

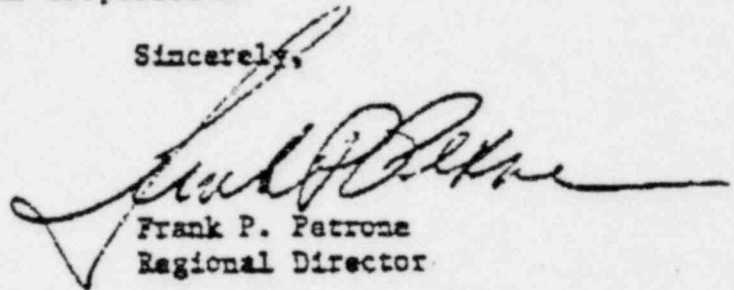
While we have received correspondence regarding schedules of corrective action on the plan deficiencies for the State Plan, Nine-Mile Point/Fitzpatrick and Ginna in December, 1981, the actual corrective action, even after our followup letters, have not been received by this office. Furthermore, a schedule of corrective action for the Indian Point Plan deficiencies, which were due in January, 1982, have not been received to date. I request this information, also, by June 25th.

In summary, we would like to receive your schedule of corrective actions by the dates indicated below:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Indian Point	
Plan deficiencies	June 25, 1982
Exercise deficiencies	June 25, 1982
2. Nine Mile Point	
Plan deficiencies	June 30, 1982
3. Ginna	
Plan deficiencies	June 30, 1982
Exercise deficiencies	June 30, 1982

In advance thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Frank P. Patrone
Regional Director



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FOR RELEASE: 1:00 pm JUNE 4, 1982

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
ISSUES REPORT ON MARCH 3, 1982
EXERCISE AT INDIAN POINT, NY, NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

New York, New York....Frank P. Petrone, Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), today issued the agency's Post Exercise Assessment of the March 3, 1982 exercise of the Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange Counties and the New York State radiological emergency plans for the Indian Point Power Station, which is located near Buchanan, New York.

The 68 page report identified the following major concerns:

- The primary means for alerting the populace to a serious radiological emergency will be a system of sirens. This system is installed and is to be tested by the licensees. The existing sirens were activated during the exercise, but some of the units did not sound or were inaudible to local residents. The utilities are responsible for demonstrating that the siren system is in place and operational. State and local governments are responsible for activating the system.
- Rockland County's police, fire and volunteer ambulance corps initially chose not to participate in the exercise, claiming that inadequate training had been provided. During the exercise these groups participated, but to a minimal extent, thereby reducing the training benefit of the exercise and the ability to fully evaluate the county's preparedness.
- The effectiveness of the existing radiological public education program should be strengthened. Currently, public education on radiological emergency procedures relies on distribution of pamphlets to residents. Concern remains as to the level of public awareness and response, including the public's understanding of the concept and geographical boundaries of planning zones. Also, the level of awareness of the non English-speaking residents living in the area should be analyzed.

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The report is based on the evaluation of ten key emergency response functions by each of the four counties and by New York State during the exercise on March 3, 1982. At the state level, all observed functions were carried out well. In Westchester County, two of the ten functions were evaluated as weak: Public Alerting and Notification; and Health, Medical and Exposure Control. In Rockland County, four of the ten functions were evaluated as weak: Emergency Operations Facilities and Resources; Alerting and Mobilization of Officials and Staff; Public Alerting and Notification; and Accident Assessment. In Orange County, two of the ten functions were evaluated as weak: Alerting and Mobilization of Officials and Staff; and Recovery and Reentry. In Putnam County only the Public Alerting and Notification Function was identified as weak. The malfunction of the siren system was the primary reason that Westchester, Orange and Putnam Counties were evaluated as weak for the Public Alerting and Notification function.

These deficiencies, and positive areas of performance, and corrective recommendations are detailed in the report, which is based on the evaluations of 50 FEMA exercise observers. The report is provided to New York State and the four counties. The State has been requested to submit a schedule for corrective measures to FEMA within 25 calendar days.

Regional Director Petrone said that his agency will work with the State to correct the deficiencies. He stressed that emergency planning is an ongoing process requiring the involvement of officials at all levels.

FEMA is responsible for reviewing and approving off-site state and local emergency plans for nuclear power plants and making recommendations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NRC is the licensing authority for nuclear power plants and has the regulatory authority over nuclear power plants.

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