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The Honorable Mario Cuomo  
State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Town of Ossining is one of the municipalities that is actively participating in the Indian Point Emergency Response Plan.

On May 17, 1983, the Town of Ossining held a Special Meeting to consider withdrawing from compliance to the Emergency Response Plan. By 3-2 majority vote on that date, Ossining remained in the Emergency Response Plan with a special appeal to the County of Westchester to establish a Municipal Task Force of local government officials.

Since May 17, 1983, the Board of the Town of Ossining has been monitoring the progress of the Emergency Response Plan and has recorded at the conclusion of two 90-day periods its dissatisfaction with several aspects of the plan, namely the issuance of emergency equipment and the establishment of an effective emergency communications system. (A copy of the August 18, 1983 resolution is enclosed.)

A Town Board resolution dated November 22, 1983 was sent to you on December 2, 1983. Since the passage of that resolution, we have received additional equipment and plans are being formulated that will address some of our other concerns.

The Town Board, with two new members, still supports Westchester County Executive Andrew O'Rourke's position and feels that it fulfills the intent of the Town Board's

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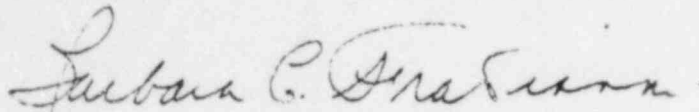
However, the Town Board still remains discontented about the emergency communications system. The one factor that is central to the success of the entire Emergency Response Plan is the emergency communications within the ten-mile area.

The Town Board hereby requests that the two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) earmarked for the Westchester Mobile Radio District 3 proposed for the 1985-86 New York State budget be advanced to the 1984-85 budget.

Ossining's third monitoring period, our "third clock", will expire on May 15, 1984, exactly one year from our first resolution. If the members of the Town Board feel at that time that the Emergency Response Plan still has too many unaddressed components, the possibility for withdrawal from compliance with the Emergency Response Plan may become a reality.

I sincerely hope that every consideration will be given to the need for the allocation of the MRD's, Westchester 3, in the 1984-85 budget.

Sincerely,



Barbara C. Fratianni  
Supervisor

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CC: Distribution list (attached)  
Town Board  
Citizen Register

WHEREAS, for some time, the Town Board had been concerned with the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan (Plan) developed to cope with any emergency at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants operated by Consolidated Edison of New York (Con Ed) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) formerly named the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had expressed its reservations about serious apparent defects in the plan, among which were:

1. A serious inability for adequate inter-agency police communications during an emergency;
2. A lack of emergency equipment for each member of our local emergency services including police, fire, highway and ambulance personnel for the Town of Ossining and the Villages of Ossining and Briarcliff Manor, which equipment includes basic monitoring devices required, such as a dosimeter or T.L.D.;
3. A lack of training of emergency service personnel both within the 10 mile radius and outside, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Town's concerns, the Town Board met at a special meeting on May 17, 1983 to consider a resolution whereby the Town of Ossining would withdraw from the Plan, and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1983, the Town's former Supervisor met with the County Executive and representatives of Con Ed and NYPA following which meeting Con Ed and NYPA provided the Town with a letter reiterating their "commitment to continue to cooperate with and assist local and county governments in enhancing their emergency response," and

WHEREAS, based in large part on the letter from Con Ed and NYPA, the Town Board amended the proposed resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal from the Plan and adopted a resolution providing a period of up to 90 days for the Federal and State governments, the County of Westchester, Con Ed and NYPA to correct the existing deficiencies with the plan and to address the major concerns raised by the Town which resolution also called for the County to establish a Municipal Task Force of local governments within the 10 mile radius to discuss and address all local concerns raised with respect to the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the 90 day period is expiring and the following actions have taken place:

1. The Municipal Task Force has met and it is expected it will continue to meet to address the many local concerns;
2. Meetings have been held with various agencies and departments and a survey taken by Con Ed and NYPA in an attempt to develop and establish an effective emergency communications system which could be used in the event of an emergency and there is now Federal legislation pending to release certain radio frequencies for emergency use;
3. The Town has been provided with some emergency equipment and it is expected that additional equipment will follow shortly;
4. Training has been provided to local emergency service personnel and it is expected that the training will continue and be expanded as expeditiously as possible to include practical and applicable aspects in order to insure that all emergency service personnel will have the proper training to act in the event of any emergency which could arise, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes that there are no simple or easy answers to the major deficiencies existing, but is aware that the appropriate authorities have at least started to address the problems and are working toward appropriate solutions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town will continue to participate with the Emergency Response Plan and will extend the evaluation period to November 15, 1983 when a special Town Board meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. to evaluate progress to that date, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall appoint liaison to meet with the Municipal Task Force, its committees, NYPA and Con Edison to provide for additional dialogue between the agencies, committees and Town Officials, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town expects that all governmental and private agencies concerned continue to work toward bettering the Plan and removing its deficiencies to protect our citizens from any emergency which could arise at the Plant.

WHEREAS, the Town Board continues to be concerned with the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan (Plan) developed to cope with an emergency at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants operated by Consolidated Edison of New York (Con Ed) and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) formerly the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a special meeting on May 17, 1983 to consider withdrawing from the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on the day of that special meeting Con Ed and PASNY provided the Town with a letter reiterating their "commitment to continue to cooperate with and assist local and county governments in enhancing their emergency response" and based on large part on that letter, the Town Board amended the proposed resolution calling for immediate withdrawal from the Plan and adopted a resolution providing for a period of up to 90 days for the Federal and State Governments, the County of Westchester, Con Ed and PASNY to correct existing deficiencies with the Plan, and to address the concerns raised by the town which included a serious inability of adequate inter-agency police communications, a lack of emergency equipment for local emergency services personnel and lack of training for those emergency services personnel, which resolution also called for the County of Westchester to establish a Municipal Task Force of local governments to discuss and address all local concerns raised with respect to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Task Force was thereafter established and by resolution adopted August 15, 1983, the Town Board noted its establishment and noted that various meetings had been held with



respect to establishing an emergency communications system, that the Town had been provided with some additional emergency equipment and that some additional training of emergency services personnel had been provided; and

WHEREAS, in said resolution the Town Board voted to continue to participate with the Plan and evaluate further progress made at a special Town Board meeting on November 15, 1983 and stated its expectation that all governmental and private agencies concerned would continue to work toward bettering the Plan and removing its deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board met at a special meeting on November 15, 1983 and has found that there has been some progress in resolving the concerns previously raised by the Town Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town will continue to participate with the Emergency Response Plan for a period of time up to May 9, 1984 and will continue to evaluate changes and improvements, and suggest further changes and improvements through continued and direct involvement with the Municipal Task Force to assure the safety of the citizens of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Ossining will review and monitor closely the actions taken to correct the deficiencies and if not satisfied, will take appropriate action to withdraw from compliance with the Emergency Response Plan for Westchester County.

ADOPTED BY THE OSSINING TOWN BOARD: November 22, 1983