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Limerick ecology action

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Re: LEA's Responses to PECO Discovery Request on admitted off-site emergency planning contentions

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In the Matter of Philadelphia Electric Company
Docket No. 50-352, Limerick

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Aug. 13, 1984

Dear Mr. Rader,

Enclosed please find the supplementary information I indicated that LEA would provide in our letter of Aug. 6, 1984. We are continuing our search to compile the other information we indicated that we would provide to you by Aug. 31, 1984, and will do so sooner, if possible.

Items enclosed are identified as follows:

- Number 1 Results from LEA's preliminary survey, sent out in June 1983 to determine who was the responsible person working on radiological emergency response plans for schools and municipalities, and to determine if public input was being incorporated into the planning process.
 - 1(a). School responses (Spring-Ford was given as an example as attachment #3 to LEA's 8/6/84 filing)
 - 1(b). Municipal responses (** NOTE: These will be provided later)
 - 1(c). Ambulance and Rescue Squad responses within the EPZ
 - 1(d). Ambulance and Rescue Squad responses outside the EPZ
- Number 2 Responses to the preliminary fire company survey, sent out by LEA in Jan. 1984 to determine the extent of firemen's involvement in the development of RERP's, as well as to determine firemen's familiarity (or lack of familiarity) with the fact that they were listed in the RERP's.

(LEA previously provided responses from the fire companies located within the EPZ who would likely be involved in route alerting, as Attachment #7 to our July 16th. response. These responses are from fire companies outside the EPZ, which is why they were not provided earlier. (since they do not relate directly to any of LEA's admitted off-site emergency planning contentions)

**NOTE on 1(b): These were not returned to us with the above items which were xeroxed by Levy Printing. We will send them as soon as possible.

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Number 3 Per your request, as a further response to supplement LEA's answer to Applicant's Interrogatory #35, LEA has enclosed the notes from telephone interviews made July 13-16, 1984 by LEA members to determine the status of personnel and equipment needs to conduct route-alerting.

- 3(a). Chester County municipalities
 - 3(b). Montgomery County municipalities (Notes from Limerick Twp. conversation will be provided later, a.s.a.p.)
 - 3(c). Berks County municipalities
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Number 4 Notes from telephone interviews conducted by LEA members with school district personnel to provide up to date answers to PECO interrogatories #1,2,3 & 6.

- 4(a).
 - 4(b). Also included are notes from conversations with Chester, Berks, and Montgomery County Emergency Management Personnel as well as notes from calls to day care and pre-school centers made by Karen Kreider. These items are in response to Interrogatory #10.
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Number 5 I have enclosed newsclippings which are grouped as follows:
(and some correspondence)

- 5(a). Chester County municipalities
 - 5(b). Montgomery County municipalities
 - 5(c). Skippack Township
 - 5(d). School related
 - 5(e). Misc.
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Items I have indicated will be provided later that are included on this list:

- 1(b). Municipal responses to LEA's preliminary survey from 6/83
- 3(b). Notes from telephone conversation between Ed Doman, Limerick Twp. Emergency Coordinator and Bill Miller.

I will assemble the other information you have requested as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Maureen Mulligan
LEA Vice President

cc: Service list attached

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Maureen Mulligan, Vice President of Limerick Ecology Action, hereby certify that I have served LEA's supplemental response and information in reply to Philadelphia Electric Company's Interrogatories on LEA's Off-site Emergency Planning Contentions by deposit in U.S. mail, postage prepaid on this 14th. day of August, 1984. (Note: we did not receive this material back from our printer in time to mail before 5:00 p.m. on August 13, although it was placed in the mail box at approximately 10:00 p.m. on Aug. 13th.)

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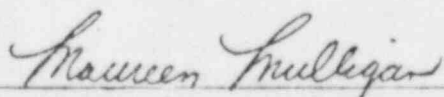
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August 14, 1984


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Name of School: Area Cath. Elem. School of the Sacred Heart, Royersford

Contact person for evacuation planning: Sister Stephanie Campbell

Mailing address: Sacred Heart Convent Lewis Rd. & Washington St. Royersford

Phone number: 933-0251

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? no

If yes, how? _____

6/10/83

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Name of School: Chapel Christian Academy

Contact person for evacuation planning: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? _____

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? _____

If yes, how? _____

6/18/83

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Name of School: NORTHERN CHESTER CO TECH

Contact person for evacuation planning: A. ROBER KUTZ

Mailing address: NCTS CHARLESTOWN RD PHOENIXVILLE

Phone number: 933-8877

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? YES

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? NO

OUR PLAN IS COORDINATED WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICTS.

If yes, how? _____

8/4/83

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Name of School: Owen J. Roberts, School District

Contact person for evacuation planning: Joseph Clark

Mailing address: RO#1, Pottstown Pa.

Phone number: 469-6261

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? Yes - We are working on Draft #4

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? _____

- Yes

If yes, how? - We organized a citizens Task Force of approximately 25 citizens which met for the first time last November, 1982 and we have had regular meetings to review drafts of the plan.

6/21/83

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Name of School: Perkiomen Valley School Dist.

Contact person for evacuation planning: Dr. William D. West-1

Mailing address: P.O. Box 338 Schwenksville

Phone number: 287 7861

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? No

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? 95%
Complete

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? Yes

If yes, how? Parent Advisory Council

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POTTS SCHOOL DIST.

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Name of School: POTTSTOWN

Contact person for evacuation planning: RAY E FEICK

Mailing address: BEECH & PENN STS, POTTSTOWN, PA
19764

Phone number: 215 323-8200

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? YES

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? YES

If yes, how? VIA BOARD & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6/18/93

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Name of School: St Aloysius, Pottstown

Contact person for evacuation planning: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? _____

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? _____

If yes, how? _____

for all information, Contact "Energy Consultants" employed by P.E. through Harrisburg.

6/19/02

Please fill out and return to: Limerick Ecology Action
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Name of School: St Ann

Contact person for evacuation planning: Henry P. Tancos

Mailing address: Energy Consultants Inc

Phone number: Riverside Office Center #3, 2101 N. Front St.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110 (717-236-0031)

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? Yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? _____

If yes, how? _____

Thank you,
Sister Maria Quibria
Principal

6/18/82

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Name of School: ST. ELEANOR

Contact person for evacuation planning: Sister Mary Kenneth

Mailing address: 406 Main Street Collegeville, PA 19426

Phone number: 489 - 9434

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? Not quite

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____
Notification given of hcst school.

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? _____
Nothing definite yet.

If yes, how? _____

6/21/83

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Name of School: Saint Gabriel

Contact person for evacuation planning: Sister M. Ann Marie, O.S.F.

Mailing address: Fairview and Monroe Sts. Stowe, PA 19464

Phone number: 326-5749

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? yes We are presently on draft 2.

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? no

If yes, how? _____

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Name of School: Saint Mary of the Assumption

Contact person for evacuation planning: Mr. Ernest Kraft

Mailing address: 209 Emmett Street

Phone number: 933-3718

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? Yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? No

If yes, how? _____

7/8/83

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Name of School: St. Peter

Contact person for evacuation planning: Sister Rose Christi

Mailing address: 1124 South Street Pottstown

Phone number: 323-9378

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? Yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? No

If yes, how? _____

6/28/83

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Name of School: St. Pius X High School

Contact person for evacuation planning: Mr. Longenecker

Mailing address: 844 N. Keim St.

Phone number: 326-8990

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? YES

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? NO

Information to date has been coordinated through Mr. Tomini.

If yes, how? _____

1/6/03

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Name of School: Valley Forge Christian Academy

Contact person for evacuation planning: Scott A. Nason

Mailing address: Valley Park & White Horse Rds Phoenixville

Phone number: 933-6273

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? yes

If yes, how? meetings with representatives from the company developing the evacuation plan

4/19/03

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Name of School: UPATTINAS School

Contact person for evacuation planning: Sandra Hurst

Mailing address: Bx. 378, R.D. 1 Glenmoore PA 19343

Phone number: 610-5138

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for
Limerick been completed? yes

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? _____

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? yes

If yes, how? school meetings

7/26/03

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Name of School: Upper PERKIOMEN School District

Contact person for evacuation planning: ALTON W. Frey Jr.

Mailing address: 2 WALT Road Jenksburg, PA

Phone number: 679-5935

Has a first draft Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Limerick been completed? YES

If not, what is the status of evacuation planning? N/A

Is public input being incorporated into your plans? yes

If yes, how? Citizen input via questions and answers

6/18/03

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BUCKETED
USNRC

Name of Ambulance Corps: Elverson Fire Co. Ambulance 47540-09

Contact person for evacuation planning: THOMAS R HESS

Mailing address: Box 89 ELVERSON PA 19520

Phone number: 286-9990

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

16

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

10

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Part of Elverson Fire Dept.

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

yes

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

None

6/29

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Friendship Fire Co. Amb.

Contact person for evacuation planning: Allan Kuklewicz

Mailing address: 590 Church St.

Phone number: ROYERS FORD, Pa. 19468 948-9416

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

28

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

13 E.M.T.'s 11 Paramedics

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

ONE

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Fire Dept.

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

yes Several meetings have been held with Fire + Borough OFFICIALS

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

Attended All meetings with Borough OFFICIALS - Disaster CHAIRMAN & FIRE OFFICIALS.

7/6/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Gilbertsville Area Community
Ambulance Service

Contact person for evacuation planning: John M Koltonuk (captain)

Mailing address: 1460 E. Phila. Ave. Gilbertsville PA 19525

Phone number: 215-367-9191 OR 215-367-5986 OR 215-367-0277

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps
at this time?

thirty

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

seven

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

two

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department
in your area?

no all seperate organizations

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from
the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emer-
gency Response Planning for Limerick?

no

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing
these plans?

6/30/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: SKippack Ambulance Corps

Contact person for evacuation planning: Mary Filippini, Captain
Mailing address: SKippack Ambulance Corps, Box 51, SKippack, PA
Phone number: 584-5177 (non-emergency) 19474
584-6200 (emergency)

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

25

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

16

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

No

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

Yes

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

Township Meeting - Reviewed draft of
disaster plan.

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Spring-Ford Rescue/Paramedic Service

Contact person for evacuation planning: Gary R Major Chief

Mailing address: 20 Major Rd Royersford, PA 19468

Phone number: 948-6346

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps
at this time?

20-25

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

18 EMT 12 Paramedics

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

1 Paramedic Unit 1 Ambulance 1 Rescue Truck

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department
in your area?

no

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from
the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emer-
gency Response Planning for Limerick?

yes

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing
these plans?

only to attend a meeting

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Name of Ambulance Corps: TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE

Contact person for evacuation planning: ROBERT L. WARD - CAPTAIN

Mailing address: TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY 20 WEST 5TH AVE TRAPPE PA. 19426

Phone number: FIRE COMPANY 489 2700 - RADIO ROOM 539 8770

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

50

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

15 EMT PLUS 11 EMT PARAMEDIC

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

1

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO - TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY AMB

Contact person for evacuation planning: HOWARD P. MAGARGAL

Mailing address: KRAUSSDALE RD RD#1 EAST GREENVILLE PA 12041

Phone number: 679-8260

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

46

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

22

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

No

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: West End Fire Company Ambulance

Contact person for evacuation planning: Terry Hughes Amb. Capt.

Mailing address: 801 West Bridge Street Phoenixville, Pa. 19460

Phone number: 933-1140

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

Approx. 30-40

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

20 With an additional 4 which are paramedics

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

3

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Phoenixville Fire Department

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Allied Medical Ambulance

Contact person for evacuation planning: George Breen
Mailing address: 15 Bala Ave. Bala Cynwyd Pa 19004
Phone number: 664-4707

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?
15

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?
all

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?
8

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?
no

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?
no

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

6/20/03

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Danbyville Hospital Medic 93

Contact person for evacuation planning: PS MORTENSEN, R.N.

Mailing address: 201 Reecoville Rd. Cain Township, Pa 19320

Phone number: 383-8406

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

12

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

8 Paramedics 4 R.N.'s

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

One Quick response unit

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

NO

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

6/27/03

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Burholme First Aid Corps Inc

Contact person for evacuation planning: Craig Lopez

Mailing address: 830 Bleigh St Phila Pa 19111

Phone number: AA5-4030

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

100

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

45

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

3 & Station Wagon & Mobile First aid trailer

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

No

Was your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

7/6/03

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JULY 16, 1983

Name of Ambulance Corps: CHALFONT FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE

Contact person for evacuation planning: STUART DUFF

Mailing address: 237 FORREST DRIVE CHALFONT PA 18914

Phone number: (215) 822-2582

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

FORTY-SIX (46)

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

TWENTY-NINE (29)

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

TWO (2)

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO.

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

7/16/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Cheltenham E.M.S

Contact person for evacuation planning: Ken Hellenhall, Director
Mailing address: 8230 York Road Elkins Park, Pa. 19117
Phone number: 215-885-1600 Ex 466

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

35

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

20

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Police Dept

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: CONCORD AMBULANCE SERVICE INC

Contact person for evacuation planning: MICHAEL WAMNER

Mailing address: 120 S. EASTON RD. GLENSIDE, PA. 19038

Phone number: 572-8100

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?
20

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?
14

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?
6

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?
NO

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?
NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Delaware Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.

Contact person for evacuation planning: Ken Hoffman

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1164 Bay Mills, PA 19010

Phone number: 527-7753

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

15

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

8 - EMT 5 - EMT-PI 2 EMT-PII

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

3

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

No

Was your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

6/20/03

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Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Name of Ambulance Corps: ENTERPRISE F.C. AMBULANCE

Contact person for evacuation planning: BOB OWEN
Mailing address: 36 BITBERRY RD HATBORO, PA 19040
Phone number: BUS. 671-4040 EDIER. 674-2541

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

32

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

16 EMT 6 PARAMEDIC

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

FIRE DEPT

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

01-1-80

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Name of Ambulance Corps: _____ GOODFELLOWSHIP CLUB OF CHESTER CO., INC.
AMBULANCE SERVICE

Contact person for evacuation planning: _____ P.O. BOX 361
Mailing address: _____ WEST CHESTER, PA. 19380
ANTHONY J. POLITO, PRES.

Phone number: 692-3133

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps
at this time?

15-20

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

90%

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

5- 1- SQUAD

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department
in your area?

NO

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from
the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emer-
gency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing
these plans?

4/27/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Goodwill Fire Co. Ambulance

Contact person for evacuation planning: John Matyja Jr.

Mailing address: 723 Rose St., Bridgeton 19405

Phone number: 272-4835 (home), 275-4849 (amb. bus.)

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

Approx 40 people

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

We have 20 active members of EMT status or better

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

One

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Part of the fire department

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

Not that I can recall

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

* We will try to have a representative at the next meeting of your organization.

7/6/83

EMERGENCY
672-1221

✓ BUSINESS
672-6212

**HORSHAM FIRE COMPANY NO. 1
AMBULANCE CORPS**

315 Meetinghouse Road, Horsham, PA 19044

CHUCK CRAMER, CHIEF
672-7235

n to: Limerick Ecology Action
P.O. Box 761
Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Horsham Fire Co. No. 1 Ambulance Corps

Contact person for evacuation planning: Chuck Cramer, Chief
Mailing address: 315 Meetinghouse Road, Horsham, PA 19044
Phone number: 215-672-6212

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

Thirty.

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

EMT's - 15 Paramedics - 6

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2 ALS Units 1 Rescue Unit

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Yes - Horsham Fire Company No. 1.

Was your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No.

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

N/A - Mass Casualty Disaster Plan for Montgomery County.

7/6/03

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Metro Ambulance Service, Inc.
(Eugene N. Brown, Jr. - Chief)
(Eugene N. Brown, Sr. - Dep. Chief)
Contact person for evacuation planning: (Ellen Brown - Secretary/Treasurer)
Mailing address: P.O. Box 174, Hellertown, Pa. 18055
Phone number: (215) 838-6672

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

(15)

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

(9)

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

Three at present, will be adding two more in approx. 2 months.

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

NO

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

4/11/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Minguas Ambulance

Contact person for evacuation planning: STEPHEN SITZICK, Chief
Mailing address: 303 Kent Circle, Downingtown, 19335
Phone number: 215-269-5434

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

~~30~~ (31)

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

(18)

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

(2)

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Fire Dept.

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

no

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

6/29/83

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MONTCO REGIONAL AMBULANCE

P. O. BOX 229

PLYMOUTH MTNG., PA. 19462-0229

Name of Ambulance Corps: _____

Contact person for evacuation planning: VIRGINIA BRENTLINGER

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: 215-828-1126

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

30

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians +A.F.A.'s?

23

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

10

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

NO

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

7/29/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: PACE Ambulance Service Inc.

Contact person for evacuation planning: George Imburgia

Mailing address: PO Box 36 Horsham Pa 19044

Phone number: 443-5005

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

5 Fulltime Employees

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

All

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

1

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

No

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

11/30/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Parkesburg Fire Co #1
Ambulance Assoc.

Contact person for evacuation planning: William Koebel - Chief Officer

Mailing address: Third Ave, Parkesburg PA 19365

Phone number: 857-9471

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

30

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

19

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

Fire Dept

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

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Name of Ambulance Corps: Union Fire Co. #1 Oxford ^{Amb.} Division

Contact person for evacuation planning: T. McFadden/M. Poff

Mailing address: 315 Market St. Oxford

Phone number: 937-2411

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

125

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

45

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

yes

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

yes

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

absent - we participate with the program from Peach Bottom Nuclear

4/3/83

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Name of Ambulance Corps: WEST GROVE AMB. DIVISION INC.

Contact person for evacuation planning: HOWARD KOPP - CAPT.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 242 WEST GROVE, PA. 19390

Phone number: 809-3539

How many people are active members of your Ambulance Corps at this time?

ABOUT 25

How many of these are Emergency Medical Technicians?

ABOUT 75%

How many ambulances does your Ambulance Corps operate?

2

Is your Ambulance Corps part of the Police or Fire Department in your area?

FIRE DEPT.

Has your Ambulance Corps ever been contacted by anyone from the County or any local municipality about Radiological Emergency Response Planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has your response or involvement been in developing these plans?

4/13/87

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BOX 761

POTTSTOWN, PA. 19464

(215) 326-9122

Jan. 20, 1984

Dear Sir,

DOCKETED
DOCKETED
USNRC

This is a letter of inquiry about the involvement of members of your fire company in the development of evacuation plans for the Limerick nuclear power plant. Our interest in this matter stems from our concern for public input and participation in the planning process.

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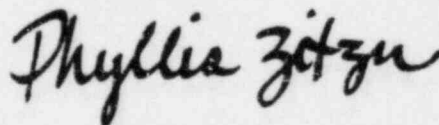
Your fire or rescue company is listed in the draft county evacuation plan with a description of the duties you are expected to perform; although no letters of agreement are included in either the county or municipal plans. In several instances we have found that fire and rescue service volunteers have no knowledge of these duties. A test drill is scheduled for July 25, 1984. If your personnel will be participating in the drill, we encourage you to be sure that adequate training has been provided to those who have agreed to become emergency workers in the event of a radiological emergency at Limerick. If you have particular questions, we suggest that you contact your municipal or county emergency services directors.

If you wish to contact us for further information, please feel free to give us a call.

We would appreciate it if you would promptly return the enclosed informational survey and return it to us as soon as possible.

Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Zitzer
LEA President

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Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Name of Fire Company: Atglen Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.

Contact person for evacuation planning: William R. L. Winters, Sr., Chief

Mailing address: Box 92, Atglen, Pa. 19310

Phone number: 593-6492

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 20

How many active fire police are in your company? 0

What Townships constitute your first run territory? Atglen Borough,
West Sadsbury Township, North Portion Of West Fallowfield Township.

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 2-Engines,
1-Tank Truck, 1-Field Truck

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

No.

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

No.

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

No.

Comments: The Atglen Fire Department WILL NOT Participate In Any Problems At Limerick.

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

Yes.

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

Not At Present

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

Yes

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

Yes

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

No.

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

No

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

Will NOT

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

Will NOT Participate

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

Chief William A. Winter, Sr.

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Name of Fire Company:

COLMAR FIRE COMPANY

Contact person for evacuation planning:

JAMES SWARTLEY

Mailing address:

2934 WALNUT ST Colmar 18915

Phone number:

822-8308

How many active fire fighters are in your company?

40

How many active fire police are in your company?

5

What Townships constitute your first run territory?

MONTGOMERY AND HATFIELD

How many vehicles of all types are in your company?

8

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

yes

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NO

Comments:

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

yes

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

NO

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

yes

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

NO

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

Highway NO FIRE-GROUND YES

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

NO

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

UNKNOWN

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

SURE

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Name of Fire Company: East Brandywine Fire Company - Station 49 Chester County

Contact person for evacuation planning: Scott T. Piersol
East Brandywine Fire Co.

Mailing address: 2096 Bondsville Road Downingtown, PA 19335.

Phone number: (215) 269-8907

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 25

How many active fire police are in your company? 8

What Townships constitute your first run territory? East Brandywine Twnsp.
West Brandywine Township, part of Upper Uwchlan Township

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 3 pumps, 1 tanker,
1 Jeep Field Truck, 1 Utility-Rescue Vehicle

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

• Yes, although like any volunteer company, at a greatly reduced personnel level.

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NO

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

At receipt of this letter, we had no prior knowledge of this situation,
so our personnel had no prior training for such an incident.

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

We would assume so-as emergency services personnel, we would expect our
coverages to consider any emergency type. We will be checking with our agent, however

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

NO

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

YES

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

YES

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

NO, we rely on mutual-aid companies for our refilling of SCBA.

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

This question will be addressed at our next training session.

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

YES

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Name of Fire Company: KENNETT FIRE CO. #1

Contact person for evacuation planning: CHIEF THOMAS GLASS

Mailing address: 409 DALMATIAN ST, KENNETT SQUARE, PA 19348

Phone number: 444-4810

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 50

How many active fire police are in your company? 15

What Townships constitute your first run territory? _____

KENNETT BORO, 1/2 OF KENNETT TWP

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 2 - PUMPERS,

1 - RESCUE/PUMPER, LADDERTRUCK, 2 - AMBS, 1 - FIELD TRK, CANTEEN UNIT, 1 - RESERVE PUMPER

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

NO - NORMALLY 2 - PUMPERS & LADDERTRK, 1 - Amb.

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NO

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

NO

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

NOT KNOWN

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

YES

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

YES

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

No

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

NO

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

UNKNOWN

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

IF WE WERE IN THE 10 mi RADIUS, YES, BUT WE ARE NOT.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

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Name of Fire Company: LIONVILLE FIRE CO.

Contact person for evacuation planning: RICHARD L. RUTH

Mailing address: R.D.# 2, DOWNING TOWN, PA.

Phone number: 483-8445

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 52

How many active fire police are in your company? 6

What Townships constitute your first run territory? LUCKHAN

UPPER LUCKHAN, WEST PIKELAND

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 7

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

YES

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

YES

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

APPOINTED EMERGENCY DIRECTOR.

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

YES.

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

YES

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

?

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

YES

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

YES

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

YES

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

YES

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

50

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

No

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Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Name of Fire Company: Luckwigs Co. STA 73

Contact person for evacuation planning: We are only responsible

Mailing address: to Dept of Emergency Services.

Phone number: L.C.F.C Bd of Directors

How many active fire fighters are in your company? None - Pres
Henry White - VP

How many active fire police are in your company? _____

What Townships constitute your first run territory? _____

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? _____

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

Comments: _____

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Name of Fire Company: MONTGOMERY Hose Fire Co.
Contact person for evacuation planning: ASST. Chief L SPERA
Mailing address: 201 W FREEDLEY ST NORRISTOWN 19401
Phone number: 275-7944

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 10

How many active fire police are in your company? 3

What Townships constitute your first run territory? NORRISTOWN
Borough (1 of 5 Borough Fire Cos)

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 2 MACK
Pumpers - (1)-1000 gpm (1)-750 gpm

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

Paid fire fighters on duty 24 hrs - Volunteers NOT ALWAYS AVAIL.

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

NO

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

NOT SURE AT THIS TIME

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

NO

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

No

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

NOT LIKELY ON HIGHWAY

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

NO

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

NONE

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

yes

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

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Name of Fire Company: North Penn Vol. Fire Co.
North Wales Pa.

Contact person for evacuation planning: Robert K. Gillmer

Mailing address: 336 W. Walnut St. North Wales Pa. 19454

Phone number: (215) 699-5958

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 55

How many active fire police are in your company? 10

What Townships constitute your first run territory? N. W. Boro
Upper & Lower Gwynedd Townships.

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? _____
+6

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

Yes on an emergency basis

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NO

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

WE Have not been approacdd by anyone concerning this matter.

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

Unkown at this time.

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

We have not seen any draft plans.

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

possibly

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

probable but not practical

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

We have a 5000i lb. mobile cascade system.

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

unknown at this time

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

yes

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

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Name of Fire Company: Washington Steam Hose Fire Co. #1

Contact person for evacuation planning: _____

Mailing address: 15 W Hector ST Consh Pa 19428

Phone number: 215-828-4293

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 30

How many active fire police are in your company? See Note

What Townships constitute your first run territory? _____

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? Seven

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

No

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

No

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

No

Comments: _____

The Consh. special Fire Police is a dept unit but is not in anyway under the direction of any Fire Company, only under the Chief of Fire and Police.

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

No

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

Yes.

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

No

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

Yes

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

Yes

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

Yes

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

?

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

Yes.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

Please send copy.

Please fill out and return to: Limerick Ecology Action
P.O. Box 761
Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Name of Fire Company: Wyndmoor Hose Co #1

Contact person for evacuation planning: Chief Thomas Sullivan

Mailing address: 7815 Queen St, Wyndmoor PA 19118

Phone number: (D) 836-7600 (H) 233-4675

How many active fire fighters are in your company? 35

How many active fire police are in your company? 1

What Townships constitute your first run territory? _____

Springfield Twp

How many vehicles of all types are in your company? 4

Are you staffed to operate all of your equipment during daytime hours without prior notice?

YES

Has your fire company ever been contacted by anyone from the County or local municipality about radiological emergency response planning for Limerick?

NO

If yes, what has been your response or involvement in helping to develop these plans?

Ready & willing if contacted

Have you ever been shown the draft plans for your township or first run district?

NO

Comments: _____

In the event of an incident at Limerick, do your personnel understand that they will be asked to respond into or remain in an area where they may be exposed to radiation?

has not been addressed

Does your insurance for volunteers cover radiological injuries?

unknown

Do you realize that the draft plans call for all of your firefighters to wear SCBA when responding to, during, and when returning to a radiation area?

No

Do you feel that this is a practical requirement?

Of course not

Can you operate your equipment on the highway and on the fire-ground while wearing SCBA?

No - can't drive with SCBA

If it was possible, does your company have the air supply necessary for this type of prolonged operation?

No - does have 4 bottle cascade & spare bottle for each pack (14)

How many of your active fire police and fire fighters are willing to remain on traffic duty if their wives, children, and families have to be evacuated?

has not been addressed

Do you plan to question these very serious items, and others that may occur to you when you are asked to participate in Limerick evacuation planning?

YES - we will - we need more detailed information

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN A DRAFT PLAN FOR YOUR AREA, MAY WE SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST A COPY FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.

7/13/84

E. Vincent

Nancy Palmer

469-9425

spoke with:

Mrs. Francis township secretary

1. Aware of route alerting
2. not aware of use of route alerting
for primary notification
3. no planning done yet
Ridge Fire Co. (would probably
have the help out)
4. May discuss at Thurs meeting
5. —
6. —
7. drill - 4 or 5 people have volunteered.

Telephone
323-5641
323-7744
323-6650

Calls must be made
Friday July 13th
(or Saturday
at home if necessary)

1-4
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Twp. or Boro North Conestoga Twp.
Emerg. Coordinator Melvin Huest
Bill Deegan

person who made the call Brenda Honig
person who provided answers Mr. Huest
date 7/14/84

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

(1/5)

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~or~~ (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

used before for emergencies too

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what ^{NO NUMBER - NO ONE HAS SAID} ~~Fire Companies?~~ ^{THEY WOULDN'T HELP} (Please list names)

NORCO FIRE

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

3 fire trucks - for route alerting - 3 zones ^{Twp HP.} divided
(NOT FIGURED FOR HANDICAP -) - into

things have to be decided after test -

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

after test -

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

Calling everyone signed up - by telephone day of drill -

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

"State of limits" -

unless receive equip. -

~ 25 available maybe -

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

2 offered by PECO -

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Mr. Bacchi on

Springford -

Supt. of Schools has drawn up the plans of rather modified EOC's
teachers don't know anything about the plans

4 men

Responsibilities - no in-service -

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"? 2 way radios -
~~supplies~~ -

8) What is ^{currently} available?
Police have few 2 way radios
fire co. waiting
they said they will not participate unless
have radios - !

Schuylkill Township -
Barbara Vissan caller
933-6460

Emergency
Coordinator
Norman Vitz

1. stated in plan
2. no one from County told him
3. no firemen have been asked
4. no specifics
5. 8 routes - 2 per vehicle
+ some other staff
amateur radios
person needs to be identified.
6. "I consider this a dress rehearsal without
any costumes
7. Fire Co doesn't
8. 8 routes designated
none up to date - list of people
mini census considered (Boy Scouts
could do it)
PECO's figures inadequate
for handicapped, homebound, invalid
individuals -
- Also have to cover 7 TCP with 5 police
on a 24hr. basis.

7/13/84

Tom Bisinger - Warwick Township
469-0191

Fred Kurlack - Emerg Coordinator

1. yes

2. no

3. not be asked

would be Elverson -
depends on who shows

4. 48

5. by the plan

6.

7. 37 mile network

4 vehicles

3-400 m

800 properties

min. of 20 vehicles

not possible during snow

8. none

6 PE volunteers were turned down

①

7/13/84

Call made by Lindsey Brinton

West Vincent: Dave Monteith 6:45 AM

- 1) yes
- 2) understood from beginning
- 3) 2 police cars + speakers
2 private cars + "
3 fire trucks w. speakers } 14 ready volunteers
EM Staff
Kimberlin | Ridge | Ludwig's Fire Companies
No contracts yet - ECI would have to do this
Have agreed.
"Not finished with a lot of things + Route
Alerting is one of them" -
- 4) 7 - 2 man teams
- 5) as above
- 6) none
- 7) No has own volunteers -

Plow roads - sometimes 2-3 days

sometimes 4-6 hours:

Doesn't know how supervisors feel -
but suspects that when push comes to
shove they may not sign because in
the "worst of possible conditions" they would
know the plan might not work (+
they would be liable??)

(2)

Call made by Lindsey Brinton

Robert West Charlestown

7/13/84 7:30 AM

- 1) yes
- 2) he knew from beginning
- 3) Freeman - East Whitland
Kimberton

} will not
ask for
contracts

Townwatch - If we can't get Freeman we can
get the town watch volunteers

* 4) 12 / 2 men - 12 cars

- 5) Bullhorns - ~~11~~
may need more
- 6) 2 Bullhorns

EOC - Charlestown ^{School} - no observers,
Not turning into a 3-ring circus

Townwatch?

- * This is based on the fact that older people wander off from Mansfield Rest Home + he has been able to activate 7 cars of Town watch volunteers to cover township in 3/4 hour looking for person -
- "Did you use bullhorns or merely drive over roads" (me)
- "Drove over roads, but have added 5 cars to make up for difference -" West

Wow!

3

Call made by Lindsey Brinton

George Hughes: East Pickeland 7:45 AM

- 1) yes
- 2) ✓ is in plan + understood
- 3) 16-24 Kimberston 4) same.
- 5) ~~1~~ ^{fire} truck for 1 section

2-3 ^{men} for each truck

- 6) Fire trucks + emergency vehicles with speakers
- 6) all equipment available

1) 2 men from PSCO (township residents) have volunteered for Drill + later as emergency workers — they have been readily accepted

Fire Co. covers 7 townships coverage based on response time.

Re: Drill

They will Time route alerts

Main traffic control point (1) } for Drill
 Feed people - shift change }
 Main + Secured EOC }

Allow observers, but will have to issue badges
No contact me or George Hughes 933-5605

And — I have been welcomed as an ~~etc~~ observer, but asked to be a member of EOC ^{my} reply will be that I cannot consider until I see

Plan + Admin is on line - will continue to observe + help develop + look at plans -

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VERY COOPERATIVE
MAYOR

David Cornish -

day 489-4131 - ^{Pres.} Colchester

Night 489-2762 ^{VP}

taking course

Twp. or Boro

Emerg. Coordinator

Collegewille - 489-9208

Cindy Adams Wentworth -

or any member of Boro Council - or the Mayor

person who made the call

S. Welsh

person who provided answers

date

7/13/84

Home Cindy Wentworth

489-2986 sister

489-7960

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~Planning~~ or ^{Planning} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

NO

2) What equipment is currently available?

7) What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

not sure

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

COLLESCOVILLE

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?



After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

Line co Police - trans.

100%

Muni
drill

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Call Twp. - Chris Parker 367-6062
Secretary

(She's friendly to LEIT)
ask her who you can
contact to determine
the involvement of
local fire men in
the Municipal plan

It'll probably be:
Russell Hummel
ask her for his
number
Kirk Zern Fire Chief
367-8223

or call
Diaghkeely (Chairman)
W-369-1778 (ok to call)
H-...

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Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

Douglass Twp. (Monty co.)

person who made the call BAF
person who provided answers Kirk Zern
date 7/13 (Fire Chief)

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
loss of power causing siren failure,
"route alerting" is expected to be used
as the primary notification method
for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEA~~ or
(ECT) ever inform you that "route
alerting" was intended to be used for
anything more than a 'back-up' or
supplementary notification procedure?

Yes

3) What equipment is currently available?

4) What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

Volunteers are ~~Volunteers~~
who knows who will show up

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

Yes

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

Joint Council

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

Hard To say (he's not coordinated)
his will be zero (on location)
five people will do on site

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

No Idea

comment: we have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Gerhard Martin
234-4558

Calls must be made
Friday July 13th

(or Saturday
at home if necessary)
We need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

Greenhau

person who made the call

~~DF~~ (Dave Stone)

person who provided answers

Mrs. Miller

date

7/14

(Colonel Miller)

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEA~~ or ^{Planning} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

Not Sure (Might of told Gerhard)

What equipment is currently available?

No

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

No

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

No

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

Didn't know

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

No

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or board) planning in the July 25 test drill?

I doubt if anyone will show up
I know not all related officials will be there

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

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Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

Lower Providence

person who made the call Bill Adam

person who provided answers Rick Brown

date 7/13/84

Tom Rodgers

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?
Yes = R. Brown.

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~D&S~~ or ^{Energy Consultants, Inc.} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

Have not been informed of anything except draft (1) THRU (5) R. B. Brown

What equipment is currently available?

(BOB KEYSER)

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

I do not know Rick Brown

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"? **NO**

5. If not, how and when will this be determined? A study will have to be made on how many vehicles it will take - how many volunteers - what roads to take thru township, etc
When I do not know RICK BROWN

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie - how many people are needed?

Has not determined. RICK BROWN

What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

Out B. 1/16

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or board) planning in the July 25 test drill?

NONE

RICK BROWN

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

NOOT PARTICIPATING

comment: We have become aware that PECo has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Emergency operations
Center

-7/13/87

L. Salford - Terry Scholl - EMC
Debbie Brown caller

Chief of Police - 256-9595 police officer

1. yes
2. no - not more than backstop
3. don't know - not that "close" to fire
Chief - no indication how
many avail.
I guess we would use Harleysville
Fire Co.
no idea how many avail. men
4. no firemen
6 + 1 (maybe) police would be
used
5. N.A.
6. not many would be needed
7. 1 or 2 vehicles w. loudspeakers
8. They have them

Staw Sman
234-4893 Call
before 12:00
Saturday

Not on that
committee

education
→

Geordie Martin

234-4553

Marvin Reiman
679-7416

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Twp Supervisors

Calls must be made
Friday July 13th

(or Saturday
at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

Marlborough

person who made the call
person who provided answers
date

~~DAVE STONE~~ (Dave Stone)

Marvin Reiman

7/15

Twp Supervisor

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEA~~ or ^{PLK/min} (ELT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

Don't Know

8) What equipment is currently available?

Didn't Know

4) What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

Didn't Know

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

Didn't Know
Wasn't at any Fire Company.

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

No (EMC might)

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

No Idea

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

he won't be there

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

he knows some people will be there but doesn't know who

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

(if necessary) we need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro New Hanover Twp.
Emeg. Coordinator Dennis Fogarty At. 73
679-6238 (Eves.) Sassarano
person who made the call Brenda Honig
person who provided answers Dennis Fogarty
date July 13, 1984

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.? yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEP~~ or ^{Energy Consultants, Inc.} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?
just back-up fold

using Met Ed electric -

with copulation -
problems find nonambulatory people - power
Special dialing because Met Ed - Pico had problem he said warning

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? they all ~~will~~ will 132
From what ^{his personal conviction that will run some not} Fire Companies? (Please list ~~stay~~ names)

Sassamansville

New Haven Twp.

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

Working on that now - unsure

trying to get numbers on that still -

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

after the 25th -
using drill for figures

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"?

Think they have enough -

8) What is ^{currently} available?

personal vehicles -

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

⊗ Not participating till after 4 p.m. so not interrupting after work

if real thing - call those people at work all in the area working - eg. site - committee - emergency call

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th? Not expected - don't need

comment: We have become aware that PECC has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Mr. Pogany comment -
worked
JT Durnell - safer than TH he thinks -
thinks TH sabotaged -
cause back up systems not too

Call made by D. Owad

7/13/84

Berkmen twp. EMC - Joe Mc. Mahon

1. yes
 2. "fire stations lose power during electrical storms"
 3. Has no idea - no volunteers yet
 4. no
 5. twp. has 3 sections - doesn't know yet
 6. 3 drivers needed
+ 3 for speakers or have extra people knock on doors.
 7. trucks, cars
 8. 3 private vehicles - 3 fire trucks
hopes to get bull horns + radio equipment - hopes to get bullhorns + radio equip. shortly.
-
1. 2 supervisors (Kratz + Alsen)
helping them
 2. no, county asked that PEMA/FEMA observe
comment: I have told them if they're not permanent, I don't want them.
concerned about road construction on st. 113
more worried about floods.

Call must be made

Friday July 13th

(or Saturday at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro Pottstown Boro.
Emerg. Coordinator Thomas Harwood 326-3100

person who made the call Brenda Honig
person who provided answers Thomas Harwood
date July 16, '84

Just returned from vacation - needs called again in p.m. - for # of firemen available after talking to chief who had planned to do today upon returning after 10 days gone &

of people needed for alerting -
has to look in records would not do now as to not

1. Are you aware that in the event of a ^{power} loss of power causing ^{with other} ~~such~~ failure, ^{things to do} "route alerting" is expected to be ^{used} ~~used~~ as the primary notification method ^{to be used} for residents of the Twp./ Boro.? ^{Said we could call back in p.m.}

yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEA~~ or ^{Planning} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?
Could be used for other emergency preparedness

Energy Consultants, Inc.

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? ^{NO # AT MOMENT tell}
^{number speaks to chief}
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

fire chief working on #

(4 cos) in town but not sure as to which would help

If not firemen available other volunteers available

4. Does the Twp / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"? ^{he said (enough)}

Yes - have # - statistics worked out - based on time - length of route & nominal speed to drive

wouldn't lookup number -

late this pm.

5. If not, how and when will this be determined? ^{approx 45 mins to inform of alert}

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie - how many people are needed?

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"?

Vehicles

— public address system —
capable to broadcast audio —
fastened to car or portable

8) What is ^{currently} available?

he thinks enough available —

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or borough) planning in the July 25 test drive?

will co-op w/ Montq. City - OEP -
participated in mini-exercise (3 weeks ago)
has to call - OEP today
can't tell if using Traffic Controllers
- of course - don't plan to move people

2) Does the ^{he said} municipality ~~expect~~
expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

administrative staff large enough
itself to handle -

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

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Twp. or Boro
Energy Coordinator

Royersford Boro

person who made the call Maureen Muehligan
person who provided answers Mr DiAngelo
date 7/13/84

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEP~~ or ^{Planning} (ELI) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

They said it was only for backup.

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? *didn't poll them*
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?
4 people

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?
they have used route-alerting in an emergency before

no sirens in borough.

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"? Short on P.A. systems

2 apparatuses with P.A. system

8) What is ^{currently} available?

Would like back up P.A.

systems for police cars
so they could do the
same job as fire personnel
& possibly on a borough truck

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

full
mobilize police, fire police

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

2 people are in area if they want help

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

EMC
Ronald
Clossin
 287-8474
 948-9919 WK

Calls must be made
Friday July 13th
 (or Saturday
 at home if necessary)
 we need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro Schwenksville Boro
 Emeg. Coordinator _____

person who made the call BAC
 person who provided answers Ron Clossin (EMC)
 date 7/14

Clossin told Boro office
 if my ~~car~~ car + my car
 Portunip plan to tell EOC (County)
 they would. He could call
 cell call then and my no

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
 loss of power causing siren failure,
 "route alerting" is expected to be used
 as the primary notification method
 for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEP~~ or ^{Planning}
 (ECT) ever inform you that "route
 alerting" was intended to be used for
 anything more than a 'back-up' or
 supplementary notification procedure?

Yes (~~with~~)

Regardless we will do it anyway

Murray will be said
 no to participating
 he could be possibly
 concerned as not
 participating

currently available?

Emergency
Exposure Bulletin

What equipment is needed for "route alerting"

Trucks & Sec. Systems
S. (Mun. A.)
Most Important
Carl Baum

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)

Not known (Need 25)
thru will be enough
Schwabisville F.C.

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

(25)

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

No Sure where it came from

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?
going to be involved as much as we can.

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

that had been mentioned / but we don't ^{know} ~~know~~ in writing

comment: We have become aware that PECo has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

if they volunteer on drill they will be expected during

Has anyone talked to Philly Lock Lead People?
No, that's a good idea.

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at home if necessary)

← ECT
Needs result
by 5/11/84
all 1011

Twp. or Boro Skippack Twp. <sup>584
5114</sup>
Emerg. Coordinator George Huguenin

person who made the call Sandy Welsh
person who provided answers Coacor Gorka
date 7/13/84 Supervisor Skippack
Township - Chairman

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
loss of power causing siren failure,
"route alerting" is expected to be used
as the primary notification method
for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEA~~ or Planning
(ECT) ever inform you that "route
alerting" was intended to be used for
anything more than a 'back-up' or
supplementary notification procedure?

Skippack supervisors
interested in how many
people this would
include.

route alerting to be used
to assist handicapped &
invalid persons - not aware
of any other purpose.

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? NO - (a few have volunteered previously, but not all.)
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)
34 point - no firemen participating

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?
NO

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

Did not know - assumed this info would be provided by Energy Consultant's & County Coordinator.

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie - how many people are needed?

34 miles road network

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"?

Did not know

34 miles of roadway, not
mountain state roads - confused
due to complexity.

8) What is ^{currently} available?

none

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

- none

* when asked if phones would be answered - he said "Unless George plans on answering the Phone or something"

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

NO

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Seemed surprised that PE would be this far.

7181

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at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

Bonnie Moore works
at office
489-1382

Twp. or Boro Nappe ^{twp. office} 489-9871
Emerg. Coordinator Craig Moser 7181

or anyone else you can get

person who made the call S. Welsh
person who provided answers Ken Witman
date 7/13/84

Craig Moser unwilling
to give info - pro
note - insulting

Ken Witman
489-4295

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEB~~ or ^{Planning} (EIT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

Yes

2) Is the equipment currently available?
Vehicles available

2 trucks
4 people

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? 25 actual
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

Trappe

4. Does the Trapp/Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

4 people - 2 trucks
OR
8 people - 4 trucks
worst case with limited vehicles

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

4-8 people

7) What equipment is needed for "route alerting"
2-4 trucks

7

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

100 percent

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

NO

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Said he didn't need any of those people.

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(or Saturday
at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

Rowland Hobson
754-7460

Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

Upper Frederick

person who made the call B. Friedman
person who provided answers Rowland Hobson
date 7/13 Twp Supervisor

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEP~~ or ^{Planning} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

~~Yes~~ Exactly

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

I think they all will

No sure exactly

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

about 18

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

when we ~~to~~ ~~to~~ PE

whitman

7) What equipment is needed for "route-
alerting"?

No all of it but we are
getting it together (PE is buying some)

8) What is ^{currently} available?

Tables

Chairs

\$1,000 check from PE (7/12)

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

Do Not Know Exactly
all 3 Supervisors

Emc Shauli Maehon

Roadmaster Frank Richards
or one of 2 more of Roadmaster

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th? anyone of PE employees who ~~works~~ lives in the Township told (by PE I think) to volunteer

comment: We have become aware that PECCO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

~~1011 Prop. Secretary
to meet by 11 AM
Shutes~~

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at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

Jack Shutes
1301 Black Rock Rd.
Oaks - Tup. address

Tup. or Boro Upper Providence
Emerg. Coordinator Jack Shutes 12985
#-933-2260

person who made the call Y.M. Hoos
person who provided answers _____
date 7/13/84

933-2260 Home #
(Jack Shutes, Jr.)
178 Walnut St.
Mont clare

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
loss of power causing siren failure,
"route alerting" is expected to be used
as the primary notification method
for residents of the Tup./Boro.?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEB~~ or ^{Planning}
Energy Consultants, Inc. (ECI) ever inform you that "route
alerting" was intended to be used for
anything more than a 'back-up' or
supplementary notification procedure?

Yes
Mr Shutes worked on
emergency plan for many
years. Uses this situation to get
me

2) What equipment is currently available?

1) What equipment is needed for "route alerting"?

How many police 930ccc
Vol. fire police ± 20
4 sets
UP & Griggs
Countryside
Received last weeks
50 new
Volunteers
54 public class

3) phone address systems.
I will
lost. not done
up, which is
systems

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

Oaks - Montclair
Most firemen will
provision of, there's not activation
release

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?
eighteen people for 9 zones

2 persons per zone

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

UPP Dept. Mr. Lutes + fire chief.
SWP
Weekn July 11th 1984
took 1/2 hr - 1 hr. will be reorganised
90 minutes app 1/2 hr.

7

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or board) planning in the July 25 test drill?

UP ~~NO~~ plans to participate.

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

NR.C. CONSULTANTS NO PRIVATE OBSERVERS

comment: We have become aware that PECC has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Mr. Shute had gotten 8-10000 from "volunteers" derived by P.E. Some were working for P.E. and some may participate July 25th.

7/3/84

Upper Salford - Kent Hagey - Emerg Coord.
Called by Larry Phillips
287-6300

1. yes

2. yes

3. doesn't know
bulk of Up Salford Fire Co
will participate

4. yes - min. of 4 - max. of 8
depends on type of emergency &
time

5. —

6. —

7. 4 vehicles & load speakers

8. have them all

1. 8 people participate - 3 sup. & 5 others

2. 2 are from PECO (but don't
need them)

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we need the results 7/15/84

Twp. or Boro West Pottsgrove
Emerg. Coordinator Richard Bacchi

323-3217 (ene)

person who made the call Brenda Hony
person who provided answers Richard Bacchi
date July 13, 1984

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro?

Yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEP~~ or ^{Planning} (ECT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

No

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency? Equip None Committed - Writing (S)
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

→ West End Fire Co.

* Sacchi said he feels ~25 firemen could participate & would do so if their requested equipment came (2 way radios)

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

Requested 30 - to hold on
Hoped for 15 -

2 names from PECO - ^{offered} ^{in Twp.}

This is assuming that fifteen would be about minimal & probably able to do the job - but he thought I meant for traffic control.

5. If not, how and when will this be determined? ^{I meant for traffic control} ^{everything included in route alerting}

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions ie - how many people are needed?)

Three observations
intersections
of handicapped
looking more realistic -

15 is conservative
for traffic control
driving buses -

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"?

No big deal if still don't have equip.-
- communication equipment -

8) What is ^{currently} available?

use fire trucks -

- fire chief 2 assets w cars + speakers -
+ equip + police

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

* ^{to the best ability -}
— Route alerting
traffic controllers (under police dept. or fire dept.)
4:30 - ^{Said to Chester, Ct. would participate after} ^{Some training} ^{~6 police} ^{~11 fire}
Specialist some would help

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th?

③ N. Cov. residents working for PECD trained to volunteer -
but works for PECD!
only volunteer secretarial work -

comment: We have become aware that PECD has trained 500 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

* Guard at door - Said only persons participating will be in - others can get the report from the County -

Did discuss
with who
talked to

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at home if necessary)

Twp. or Boro Boyetown Boro
Emerg. Coordinator: Robert Hayman or Rowland P.
(or any Boro Council member) or Mayor Fleming
you can reach Beverly
person who made the call ~~Ritter~~ Ritter
person who provided answers (Mrs. R. RAY RITTE)
date 7/13/84

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
loss of power causing siren failure,
"route alerting" is expected to be used
as the primary notification method
for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

yes

2. Did anyone from the county ^{Office of Emergency Planning} ~~DEP~~ or
Energy Consultants, Inc. (ECI) ever inform you that "route
alerting" was intended to be used for
anything more than a 'back-up' or
supplementary notification procedure?

Met on July 10th with
P.E. representatives
Energy Consultants
Bob Ritter

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)

?

4. Does the Twp. / Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

?

(No)

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

Don't know yet

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

7) What equipment is needed for "route-alerting"?

Don't know yet

8) What is ^{currently} available?

Hasn't determined -

Baytown Boro
7/12/84
(Ben Ritter)

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

Very Marginal

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th? Not sure

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

He's aware of this.

Calls must be made
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(or Saturday -
at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

367-8977 (H)*

Twp. or Boro * Colebrookdale
Emerg. Coordinator * Jonathan Smoyer, Jr.
or anyone you can get

person who made the call R. Ritter
person who provided answers Mr. Smoyer
date 7/13/84

1. Are you aware that in the event of a
loss of power causing siren failure,
"route alerting" is expected to be used
as the primary notification method
for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

yes

2. Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEB~~ or ^{Planning}
Energy Consultants, Inc. (ELI) ever inform you that "route
alerting" was intended to be used for
anything more than a 'back-up' or
supplementary notification procedure?

yes

currently available?
phones
C. B. operators
ham radio
operator

need for "route alerting"
emergency generator
C. B. operators
ham radio operator

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire companies? (Please list names)
New Berlinville Fire Co. has about 20 people

4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?

no

5. If not, how and when will this be determined?

don't know

6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

- 1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill?

minimal

- 2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th? if needed

comment: We have become aware that PECo has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Calls must be made
Friday July 13th

(or Saturday
at home if necessary)
we need the results 7/15/84

*
323-6734 (H)

323- (office)
4780

Ron Dick (Energy
Consultants)
717-236-
0031

Twp. or Boro
Emerg. Coordinator

* Douglass (Berks) 367-
8500
* Anthony Minotto (office)

or anyone you can get

person who made the call R. Ritter

person who provided answers Anthony

date 7/13/84 Minotto

1. Are you aware that in the event of a loss of power causing siren failure, "route alerting" is expected to be used as the primary notification method for residents of the Twp./Boro.?

yes

Energy
Consultants, Inc.

Did anyone from the County ^{Office of Emergency} ~~DEA~~ or ^{Planning} (ELT) ever inform you that "route alerting" was intended to be used for anything more than a 'back-up' or supplementary notification procedure?

It was in Draft 5 of the plan submitted by Energy Consultants

1) What equipment is
needed for "route alerting"
Bull Horns
P.A. equipment

currently available?
Bull Horn and
Another P.A. is
applying in
the future

3. How many firemen have indicated they are willing to participate in "route alerting" during a radiological emergency?
From what Fire Companies? (Please list names)
Crime Watch organization will be used. No fire companies are in this area but may ask neighboring fire companies to assist. Doesn't know yet.
4. Does the Twp./Boro know how many people (firemen) are needed to effectively carry out "route-alerting"?
set up zones but don't have figures yet.
5. If not, how and when will this be determined?
Meeting on Tues. with Energy Consultants
6. If yes, how (and by whom) was this determined (and what were the conclusions) ie- how many people are needed?

After you get the other questions answered, it would be helpful to know the following:

1) What level of participation is the township (or boro) planning in the July 25 test drill? Don't know yet

2) Does the municipality ~~expect~~ expect to receive any support from "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers on July 25th? "Phila. Electric will help in all phases - if needed."

comment: We have become aware that PECO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

Mr. Minotto said P.E. will help in the event of an actual emergency.

School District: Ferkiomen Valley We need results
Name of person: John - 227-7261 by
you talked to: Dr Westcott ^{are} July 15
their title: Superintendent of School (Sunday)
YOUR NAME: Garry Welsh 7/13/84

- 1) Does the School District have enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools) NO

If not, which schools still need buses?
High School - 1 (to come from Hattero)
Private School - 4

How many? 5

note: Dr. Westcott stated the county has been informed of these shortages for High School - they are providing this bus - vague about the 4 for private school. He feels any shortages are the responsibility of county. Who is responsible for making these arrangements?

Mr. Dillon - Transportation Coordinator

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?

Not Sure - County responsibility

- 2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

NO

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?

yes

Have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment?

no

If no, will they be surveyed?

Not a matter of choice - when a teacher signs contract it is assumed he/she will assume responsibility of children - regardless of if not, what is the basis for assuming circumstances that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?

Same as above -

I asked w/ra + the school will do if the teachers don't feel they are obligated as he clearly does. He repeated - they signed contract and assume the ^{responsibility}.
If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?

What was the results?

4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?

- NO -

Planned for coming year

5) Same as above for bus drivers

NO -

Orientation only

6) ~~Are they~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?

If not, why not?

7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill:
no School Students - also many
no - Staff members on location

If yes, to what extent?

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?
Emergency Call System

By whom? ^{Radio in bus}
Mr. Dillon.

How many buses have 2-way radio contact?

All - have radio's in buses

Mem. School District: Pottsgrove We need results
name of person you talked to: _____ by
their title: * Dr. Coleman - Superintendent July 15
YOUR NAME: Brenda Honig (7/16/04) (Sunday)

S.D.
327-
2277

1) Does the School District have ^{very cooperative & has lots of questions still concerning} enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools) NO-

If not, which schools still need buses?

Lower Pottsgrove need met -
5 schools need to be covered not -

How many?

Who is responsible for making these arrangements? ECD would work to make agreements - City or State

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?

2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

Same needs -

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?

Asked to chrs. + ^{bus.} drivers - said don't need everyone - but minimum # - have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment?

He thinks teachers no should ~~stay~~ I

If no, will they be surveyed?

If not, what is the basis for assuming that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?

If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?

What was the results?

No host school still established -
tentative agreement for one - Rejected 1st
Southern Lehigh - provisions unacceptable -
Costs

4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?

— Explained outline of plan - & problems discussed as seen - when only in 2nd draft -

"horribly difficult problem" - 2800 children -
5) Same as above for bus drivers

6) ~~Are~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?

offered training by ECD - said premature -
Refused training
If not, why not?

7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill?

If yes, to what extent?

Supt would - answering -

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?

By whom? by phone thru ~~school~~ ^{CMD-} Services Contractor handles buses - but own their own buses -

↳ Mr. Charles Dickerson of CMD -
How many buses have 2-way radio contact? ^{from Dr. Coleman -}

None

School District: Fottstown (7/13/84) We need results
Name of person you talked to: James Bush by
their title: Business Administrator July 15
YOUR NAME: Brenda Honig (Sunday)

- 1) Does the School District have enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools) no

If not, which schools still need buses?
did not ask when called but none considered for private & parochial

How many? 37 or 38 buses (they have ~ 10)

Who is responsible for making these arrangements?

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?

- 2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

no drivers or contracts

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?

Have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment?

no

If no, will they be surveyed?

If not, what is the basis for assuming that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?

If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?

What were the results?

- 4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?

(no) but held 1 in-service
NO TRAINING THOUGH MR. BWH SAID

- 5) Same as above for bus drivers

(no)

- 6) ~~Are~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?

If not, why not?

- 7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill?

Will cooperate w OEP (as far as communication as they understand)
If yes, to what extent? Said it will be better to test during school year & will do so later —

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?

By whom?

How many buses have 2-way radio contact?

Sheltering
underground
No basement areas for sheltering in schools he said — No studies done as to effectiveness of bldg. as shelters —

School District: Spring-Ford We need
name of person you talked to: Dr. Welliver or anyone you can get results
their title: Joe Kinder, Bus-man by
YOUR NAME: Karen Kreider (7/13/84) July 15
(Sunday)

- 1) Does the School District have enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools) no

If not, which schools still need buses?

How many?

Who is responsible for making these arrangements?

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?
no

- 2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

no

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?

Have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment?

If no, will they be surveyed?

If not, what is the basis for assuming that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?

If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?
he thought late June

What was the results?

He didn't know but Dr. Welliver was "surprised" that so many staff members said they would be unwilling to participate.

4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?

5) Same as above for bus drivers

6) ~~Are~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?
no

If not, why not?

7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill?
no - Welliver apparently was asked if he wanted to be "notified" * he said "hell no, why would I want to be notified?" We're not going to do anything.

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?

By whom?

How many buses have 2-way radio contact?

Spring-Jord

Joe Kinder, Business Manager said that as far as he knew nothing had been done on the plan yet. The board has not discussed it. The parents committee has not ~~met~~ met + there are no immediate plans for anything to go on.

Its hard to imagine but according to Kinder they have not been pressured from about about the plan at all

thanks!

School District: Upper Merion
Name of person you talked to: 679-5935
their title: Tom Frey
YOUR NAME: Paul E. Munn

We need results by July 15 (Sunday)

1) Does the School District have enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools) no
unknown

If not, which schools still need buses?
other than parochial

How many?

Who is responsible for making these arrangements? Dr. Tom Frey

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?
for buses - not to my knowledge!

2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

yes

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?
Verbally Yes

Have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment? NO

If no, will they be surveyed?
Not as yet!

If not, what is the basis for assuming that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?
Mature Professional Judgment

If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?

What was the results?

4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?
no

5) Same as above for bus drivers
no

6) ~~Are~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?
no

* If not, why not?
Verbal presentation only

7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill?
yes

If yes, to what extent?

Phone calls bank.

no one assigned useful.

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?

Phone
Previously the ~~company~~ ~~was~~ ~~using~~
By whom?
No plan established

How many buses have 2-way radio contact?

Unknown.

School District: Boyertown School
Name of person you talked to: 367-6033 District Superintendent: Dr. Replogle
their title: Emergency Coordinator:
YOUR NAME: Dr. Replogle
Superintendent
Beverly Kitter

We need results by July 15 (Sunday)

- 1) Does the School District have enough buses to carry out its radiological emergency response plan for Limerick? (for both public and private schools)

No - but extras have been arranged for
If not, which schools still need buses?

How many?

Who is responsible for making these arrangements? they are made

Have ^{all} written agreements been finalized?

Yes - Aingly will supply buses by written agreement

- 2 Same as above, but in reference to "bus drivers"

No written agreements with bus drivers

3) Have teachers + other school staff been informed of the fact they are expected to remain with students in the event of a radiological emergency?

yes

Have they been surveyed to determine their willingness to make this commitment? no

If no, will they be surveyed?
eventually

If not, what is the basis for assuming that they will carry out this responsibility in the event of a radiological emergency?

If yes (they have been surveyed) when and how was this done?

What was the results?

4) Have school personnel been "trained" for both sheltering + evacuation procedures in the event of a radiological emergency?

they have had some orientation

5) Same as above for bus drivers

same answer as above

6) ~~Are~~ Are they (the school) satisfied that training has been adequate?
not totally

If not, why not?

Plans may be changed and future training may be needed.

7) Does the school plan to participate in the drill?

minimally since no school is in session

If yes, to what extent?

will receive message & pass it on

8) How will bus drivers be contacted in the event they are needed to evacuate a school or transport students in the event of a radiological emergency?

They will be called but it takes about 2 hours

By whom?

the school district

How many buses have 2-way radio contact?

Boyetown School District buses have 2 way radios.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DAY CARE

K. Keenan
7/16/74

1) Little People Day Care School

Alice Sprague, administrator - on vacation until 7/23
1561 Medical Dr.
Pottstown, Pa. 19464

has not heard her mention any evacuation plan

2) Director not available today
Emanuel Lutheran Church Preschool
Hanover & Walnut St.
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
323-0835

3) Daycare Association of Montgomery County, Inc.

% Rosemary Northcutt, Director
601 Knight Rd
Ambler, Pa. 19002
1-643-3841

-have 9 preschool and school age programs in Montgomery Co. (including Pottstown Day Care Center at Beech & Warren Sts., Pottstown, Pa.)

-have no plan and no means of transportation; no contacts by co.

4) Helping Hands Program

Training & Industrialization Program

Linda Mathias
R.D. #1, Pox 360
Bechtalsville, Pa. 19505
754-7866

-have no plan & no information about plan; was contacted some time ago by local fire chief but he had no suggestions

-44 retarded clients, max.

Camp Program and "S & R" program

Nancy Daniels
Helping Hands, Inc.
Pennsburg, Pa. 18073
327-2254

-camp program is summers only and do have a ~~program~~ plan, using their own transportation; 30 clients and 25 staff

5) Creative Play, Pottstown YWCA

Mary Jo Zukoski, Executive Director of YWCA; unavailable
315 King St.
Pottstown, Pa, 19464
323-1888

6) Episcopal Nursery School

3rd & Washington Sts.
Royersford, Pa. 19468
948-7737

Kitty DiBattista, Treasurer

-no plan; no one has contacted them
-no transport.; @50 pupils

- 7) Faulkner Swamp Nursery School & Kindergarten
Faulkner Swamp United Church of Christ
R.D. #1, Swamp Pike, Box 165A
Gilbertsville, Pa. 19525
369-0474

Rosemary Whitehouse, Director
2077 Swamp Pike
Gilbertsville, Pa. 19525
287-6671

-no plan; board of directors interesting in producing one; 18 children
*wants information on how to proceed before they meet July 25

- 8) Grace Assembly Day Care and Kindergarten
Rt. 1, Box 474A
Spring City, Pa. 19475
495-5279

-was unavailable; will be in most mornings between 8:30 and 1:30

- 9) Grace Lutheran Nursery and PreKindergarten
Grace Lutheran Church
660 N. Charlotte St.
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
323-9320

Grace Schafer, Director
home phone 326-4814

*would like information on how to go about setting up plan; no plan exists

- 10) Hickory Dickory Dock Nursery School

2 schools: Douglasville & Stowe

-new location and phone number; couldn't get through
-Director is Marie Nace: 385-3188

- 11) First United Presbyterian Weeday Nursery School
First United Presbyterian Church
750 N. Evans St.
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
326-4999

Scott Sample, Director
St Peters Rd.
Star Route
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
469-6136

-wife doesn't know of any plan but he
is available at home after 5:00

- 12) Royersford Baptist Church Nursery School
% Laurena Fisher, Director
452 S. Lewis Rd.
Royersford, Pa. 19463
948-5023

-no plan; not contacted; no transport

13) Skippack Church of the Brethren Nursery School
Collegeville & Mill Roads
Collegeville, Pa. 19426
489-3855

-no answer

14) Swamp Creek Nursery School
p. O Box 201
Frederick, Pa. 19435
754-7674

Donna Hutchinson, Director
-school held in New Hanover municipal building

-no plan

* wants information on how to form plan, resources etc.

15) Pottstown YMCA
Adams and Jackson Sts.
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
323-7300

executive director claimed to know nothing about any plan
- woman in charge of preschool program is Mary Ann Garber,; is unavailable
until the end of August

16) St. Andrew's Nursery School
Egypt & Crawford Rds.
Audubon, Pa. 19407
666-0426

no answer

17) St. John's Nursery School
1802 Skippack Pike
Center Square, Pa. 19422
272-7163

no answer

Name of person: _____
talked to: Field Coordinator
date: Mark Force

When needed
results by
July 15
(Sunday)

David
Stone
mac
cal
7/16/

Please call the County Office of Emergency Planning and get answers to the following questions:

Who is responsible for making arrangements for buses needed by school districts in the county for the purpose of developing radiological emergency response plans for Limerick.

STILL Being developed by the county

2) What is the status of these arrangements?
(or what info is the county aware of)

TBD

No agreements

3) Generally, try to get any of the following items (approximately) answered

How many buses are still needed? For what school

How many written agreements still need to be completed? Does this include both private & public schools?

Still in negotiation
get any details you can

4) Have any public school districts refused to accept responsibility for any of the private school districts (they are supposed to be responsible for?)

If yes, which ones?

Not that we know of

5) Who is responsible for coordinating the assignment + dispatch of buses during a radiological emergency?

County Transport Officer

Does this include assignment to private schools? Yes

b) What is the status of emergency planning for day care, + preschool centers and summer camps:

a) Has anyone contacted those identified by LEA to determine their needs? FEMA is

b) If yes, who? (ECI, ^{For example:} or the county, or the local municipality) doing this

c) Does the county plan ^{then municipalities will implement} to make sure these groups of children are included in emergency planning?
for Limerick

The county will check on this

d) If yes, at what level?

ie... - include in county plan

- include in municipal plan

please indicate

- include in school district plan

- develop separate plan

- other?

e) If not covered above, what is the status of this?

For example - a) Has list of facilities been turned over to municipalities for them to make any necessary arrangements?

or b) Has ECI been instructed to contact these facilities + to include them in the next draft of municipal plans?

or c) Other???

7) When ~~will~~^{is} the County anticipating
release the next draft of the County plan
New C.D. Draft 8
(ie sometime after the drill?
- sometime later this fall?

8) Does the County have any idea
when the next draft of
municipal plans will be released
or completed?

No

9) What about school district plans?

Care by care, will vary

10) Who is responsible for making arrangements for the availability of fuel supplies and towing services on non-state roads

(Confirm his understanding of who has this responsibility for state roads - It's supposed to be the National Guard)

(The answer should be that the municipalities have this responsibility).

unmet need PENN DOT

sent to the State by County, sent to County by municipality

11) Does the County play any role in assisting to make these arrangements or in providing back-up assistance?

(ie - contacting gas station owners + towing services to determine their willingness)

existing list of 24 hr stations
NO special arrangements

12) Most of the Municipal plans (Draft #5) still indicate that arrangements for towing + fuel supplies are "to be developed" (TBD). Does the County have any idea whether any progress has been made in obtaining any necessary agreements?

~~NO progress~~ NO agreements

(We expect that the answer will be 'no', but need to confirm this)

13) Who is responsible for making arrangements with local fire companies to participate in "route alerting" for the municipal emergency response plans?

(Is it the municipality?
" " " the county?
or is it Emergency Consultants, Inc.?)

14) What does the County know about the status of these arrangements?

We have met with all

Tray was done for "route alerting" as part of training

was NOT done, Mark isn't sure which

15) Is the County aware that in the event of a loss of power that ~~the~~ "route alerting" would be used as the primary method of notification? Yes, IT'S in the plan

16) Have local emergency coordinators been told this by anyone?

IT IS IN THE PLANS, + they are aware

17) Have firemen been told this by anyone?
IT IS IN THE PLANS, they are aware

18) What has been the response of the fire companies in each municipality?
They have been met with and "trained"
(What info is the County aware of?)
Nothing Specific.

19) What equipment does the County feel is necessary for "route alerting"?
Still going over PA. SYSTEM

20) If a municipality or fire company doesn't have this equipment, where are they supposed to get it?
TO PECO

(Answer will probably be "from the county" - If it is, ask them where they're supposed to get it, if not currently available.)

21) What is the status of "training" for the school districts?
Ken Stewart is the County Trainer

(Is it all completed?
for Business? _____
for School stops? _____
If not, what is the schedule

22) Does the county believe that the training provided is "adequate".

If not, why not.

23) Does the county expect to receive help on July 25 from any "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers?

No. The county is aware. But that would be on a municipal level, County would hope that that would be

comment: We have become aware that PECo has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - Our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 2 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

(24) How many sirens have been installed in Chester County? Doesn't know

How many sirens still need to be installed?

In which municipalities?

Name and title
of person you
talked to:
date:

Mr. Bigelow

EMC - Montco.

7/16/84

Maureen Mulligan

We need
results by
July 15
(Sunday)

Please call the County Office of Emergency
Planning and get answers to the
following questions:

1) Who is responsible for making arrangements
for buses needed by school districts in the
county for the purpose of developing
radiological emergency response plans for
Limerick.

(*He was too busy to answer
these questions except for
the ones on day care & a
few others)

2) What is the status of these arrangements?
(or what info is the county aware of)

3) Generally, try to get any of the following items:
(approximately)

How many buses are still needed? For what schools?
How many written agreements still need to be completed? Does this include both private & public schools?

get any details you can

~~4)~~ Have any public school districts refused to accept responsibility for any of the private school districts (they are supposed to be responsible for?)
If yes, which ones? not to his knowledge

~~5)~~ Who is responsible for coordinating the assignment + dispatch of buses during a radiological emergency? EP2
County responsibility or - County
Does this include assignment to private schools?

~~What~~ radio assignments?

Some have radios, others don't

Licensed
vs.

unlicensed

ECT/PhMA we are aware that separate plans -

no list kept

X 6) What is the status of emergency planning for DPH day care, + preschool centers and summer camps. "are there any unlicensed schools?"

a) Has anyone contacted those identified by LEA to determine their needs?

b) If yes, who? (ECT, ^{For example:} or the county, or the local municipality)

c) Does the county plan to make sure these groups of children are included in emergency planning?
for Limerick

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(Confirm his understanding of who has this responsibility for state roads - It's supposed to be the National Guard)

(The answer should be that the municipalities have this responsibility).

County (municipalities could be)

11) Does the County play any role in assisting to make these arrangements or in providing back-up assistance?

(ie - contacting gas station owners + towing services to determine their willingness)

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NO. letters - 300 - 400 towing places they'll just call, but the answer will be 'no', this is so close to this

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(Is it the municipality?

"... " the county?

or is it Energy Consultants, Inc.?

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21)

What is the status of "training" for the school districts?

on-going
some

(Is it all completed?)

for Business?

for School staff?

If not, what is the

can't be specific w/ to
more training has been given
School staff the bus driver

22)

Does the county believe that the training provided is "adequate".

Yes but ongoing

If not, why not.

23)

Does the county expect to receive help on July 25 from any "Philadelphia Electric" volunteers?

NO.

comment: We have become aware that PECCO has trained 200 people to act as "volunteers" at the municipal EOC's. Alert them to the fact that we know about this - our main concern is that they not allow "volunteers" to just show up on July 25 unless they're going to make the same commitment to help out during a radiological emergency.

24)

How many sensors have been installed in Chester County?

55 to date

How many more still need to be installed?

May 1, 1984

Dear Township Residents,

In the near future, the East Coventry Supervisors will be asked whether or not they will approve and adopt draft evacuation plans developed by Philadelphia Electric Company to be used in the event of a radiological emergency at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. Draft plans have been developed for every school, health care facility, municipality and county within a 10 mile radius of Limerick.

A Committee has been appointed by the Supervisors to review and comment on the adequacy and workability of the draft plan developed for East Coventry Township. This Committee is arranging for public meetings on the subject. They hope to hold the first one in early May. Citizen reaction is important. Each of us has a different set of problems if called upon to leave the area within a short time. No committee can anticipate all of these concerns.

The Draft plan presented leaves many important questions unanswered. In addition, PECO's consultants have written the plan to state that "the Board of Supervisors has the responsibility for the safety and protection of the public within East Coventry Township, as well as providing direction and control of the emergency organization." (Draft plan #4, p.8, #3)

Do you think that our Supervisors should accept a plan which makes such a statement? Is it not rather the responsibility of the utility to protect the public against possible hazards which it has caused?

You may wish to attend the township meeting or to call one of the members of the Board. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township is at 8:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Ridge Fire House. The Supervisors are:

Ronald Elliott (326-5951)
Robert Megay (469-6719)
Douglas Kulp (326-3345)

There is a concern that implementing the plan may cost the township money and lead to an increase in taxes. The draft plan calls for four buses and one ambulance. It states that we need two persons to operate the ambulance and two communications experts, and that we have neither the vehicles nor the personnel. Who will pay for this?

Do you share the concerns of those who wonder.....

How families will be united?

If we were directed to a common shelter,
may we take our pets along?

Would it be wise to take along food, blankets, etc?

Can we use any road we wish?

If you have other concerns, let them be known. Some East Coventry citizens and others who are concerned about this are taking this means to bring it to your attention. We hope you will join in the effort.

Very truly yours,
Dorothy Lloyd
Dorothy Lloyd (495-7242)
for the Concerned Citizens

Limerick

Skepticism abounds over plans for evacuation

By BRUCE LEVINE
(Of the Local News Staff)

It was a typical public meeting on the subject of planning for a radiological disaster at Limerick nuclear power plant — the shouting, the waving fingers, the indignation and the hostility. And the ever present feeling that there are no answers to make so many people feel secure if the plant goes into use.

Last night the scene was East Coventry, which assembled a panel of representatives from Philadelphia Electric Co., the anticipated plant operator, its emergency planning consultants and state and county emergency planning agencies.

More than 100 people attended to seek assurances, get information, reiterate their objections to the plan or just state their exasperation to having to watch emergency planning proceed that some planners and interested observers say can never work.

ALTHOUGH SOME questioners tried to shout down the people they were addressing, called them liars and moaned at many answers, some went up to the PECO and consultant representatives after the 2¼ hour meeting for more information and to thank them for their attendance.

When the existence of the nuclear power plant seemed to become a point for comment, Ronald F. Elliott, chairman of the East Coventry supervisors, said the purpose of the meeting was not to debate, but to prepare an emergency plan. Negative comments quickly filtered back from the audience.

At the start of the meeting, state Rep. Samuel Morris, D-155, of Pughtown said he had nothing positive to say. He said he had sympathy for the planners working on a comprehensive plan while knowing "it isn't going to work."

"The truth of the matter is it's an impossibility," another man said.

An East Vincent resident suggested, "The only way you have safety is to eliminate a nuclear power plant at Limerick."

Joseph Clark of the Owen J. Roberts School District said the district's plan is not final and won't be until all of its concerns are addressed. Those concerns include lack of vehicles, drivers, supervisors and traffic coordinators should evacuation of the schools be recommended.

JOHN MCNAMARA of Chester County Department of Emergency Services said the planning is being done because it's legally mandated and agreed with Clark that "there are holes in the plan." But he said the holes result from lack of resources, not a poor framework in the planning document.

Yet even if the resources are provided, skepticism remained that the road network could possibly handle an orderly evacuation in time to escape dangerous radiation. Clark said the bottleneck at routes 100 and 23 "will make a sham" out of the district's emergency plan.

Elliott said a public hearing will be held before supervisors consider any plan for adoption.

Clark said his school board will take public input on plans for the district at a meeting 7:30 p.m. June 6 in the Owen J. Roberts Middle School auditorium.

Evacuation plans cause for concern

By ANNETTE KADASH
Correspondent

Over 150 residents turned out for a special meeting of the East Coventry Board of Supervisors Monday night. The purpose of the meeting was to give residents the opportunity to ask questions regarding the plan being drafted for evacuation in case of a disaster at the Limerick nuclear power plant. "This is not a hearing, but an informational meeting," said Ronald Elliott, board chairman. "A public hearing will be held later where citizens will be able to speak for or against the plan."

Joe Clark, administrative representative for the Owen J. Roberts School District, began the meeting by stating that "in no way has the plan been finalized. We feel as though we have a long way to go and I must say, I am not for this plan." Those in attendance applauded. Clark went on to say that the plan needs the approval of the Citizen's Task Force (school district volunteers working on the evacuation plan) and the Owen J. Roberts School Board. District residents will have an opportunity to voice their feelings about the plan Wednesday night, June 6 at 7:30 in the middle school auditorium.

State Representative Sam Morris of Chester County made a statement expressing his feelings on the existence of the power plant. "If the men in charge would search their hearts and souls and consciences, they would have to say that this should never go into operation." After his comments, the room was filled with cheering and loud applause.

John McNamara from the Chester County Department of Emergency Services voiced his confidence in the

evacuation plan. "We have only to get the resources to fill in the gaps in the plan. The basics of the plan are sound." Several of those in attendance groaned in disagreement.

Philadelphia Electric Co. sent three representatives to answer questions. Bill Dunlap, energy consultant, answered questions about the effects of radiation on the environment. Ronald Deck, also an energy consultant, gave information that showed how the East Coventry plan will coordinate with the plans of various other local governments. Deck stressed that "it is important that this plan not be in conflict with the other plans that are being drawn up." Larry Eckman, public relations consultant, discussed emergency operations should a disaster occur on the site of the plant.

Richard Robinson of Old Schuylkill Road wanted to know about the traffic flow in case of an evacuation. "Since there are 4,100 residents to evacuate, what is the accepted ratio of people to cars, how many people should be in each car that leaves East Coventry?" Deck replied, "There should be three people per car." Deck also stressed that "The evacuation plans by PennDOT show that township roads will be able to accommodate the large volume of traffic that will be exiting the area."

Ralph Hippert of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), further explained the effectiveness of the plan, saying that the

mass care centers will only have to house approximately 50 percent of the residents since "studies show that 50 percent of the people will have somewhere else to go, either to a friend or relative's."

Hippert was quick to point out that East Coventry residents should not automatically listen to WCOJ or KYW to receive evacuation information, as many believed. "We have used WCOJ in the past," Hippert commented, "but many of the outlying areas cannot pick it up. We are now approaching a Philadelphia station, not KYW, that will pass it on to several local stations, one of which may be WCOJ."

Dunlap wanted to relieve any panic residents might feel if called on to evacuate. "Sometimes we have days to alert residents of any real danger, like at TMI. You should not look at the release of radioactive material," Dunlap pleaded, "but at the quantity present at the plant. It will take eight or 10 hours for an evacuation of this area and that time is more than sufficient."

The Chester County Department of Emergency Services recommends that if residents are evacuated, they should be ready to spend at least three days away from home. The department suggests that residents take the following supplies with them: clothing, sleeping bags or blankets, and personal care items, including medications. Upon arriving at the care center, each person will be supplied with food and a bed. "The area Red Cross is in charge of this phase and state agencies will pay the bill," says Hippert. Pets are permitted outside the center but must be fed and cared for by the owner.

All residents will be checked for radiation contamination upon entering the care center. Hippert explained the decontamination procedure. "If a resident is found to be mildly contaminated, discarding of the clothes and showering may alleviate the problem. If not, this is repeated twice more. If this does not work, you are taken to the hospital."

Dunlap showed that the "main concern is contamination is the fear of iodine being absorbed by the thyroid. The other gases go high up into the atmosphere, posing no threat." Hippert also stressed the importance of this contamination. "We also fear iodine getting into the food chain, later in grass eaten by cows, from there it goes into cows' milk and from there to humans."

May 23, 1984

Evacuation plans discussed in East Coventry

By M. JOAN McINTIRE
Staff Writer

EAST COVENTRY — Township residents expressed dissatisfaction Monday night with emergency evacuation plans for the 10-mile area surrounding Philadelphia Electric Company's Limerick nuclear power plant, scheduled to go on line early next year.

The township supervisors conducted a meeting to allow residents to question PE representatives, Energy Consultants, Inc. — a consulting firm PE hired to help the municipalities with plans, and officials responsible for final approval of the plan.

Supervisor Douglas Kulp said the meeting was "informational."

According to state Rep. Samuel Morris (D-155), who attended the meeting, about 200 people gave township supervisors "a flavor of their dissatisfaction."

"Not just people of East Coventry, but from other townships also," said Morris, an outspoken critic of the Limerick power plant.

The supervisors were there to hear the people, Morris said, because "they eventually have to have emergency plans with provisions for an evacuation, in case an incident at Limerick makes it necessary."

205,000 PEOPLE

Before granting PE an operating license, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will have to approve emergency plans for evacuating 205,000

people in the Emergency Planning Zone, an area comprising 42 municipalities in parts of the three counties that lie within the 10-mile radius surrounding Limerick.

Both the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency must approve the plans after they are approved by the municipalities and the counties.

At a meeting in Phoenixville earlier this month, PEMA Deputy Director Ralph Hippert told an audience that the plans he has seen so far are "full of holes" and need more work.

"I can't conceive of how it would work," Morris commented about the latest version of Chester County's plan.

He said it calls for Phoenixville area residents to evacuate by going south on Route 113 to Downingtown while South Coventry, West Vincent and other township residents go south to Downingtown via Route 100.

"When these two divisions of humanity reach the intersection of Routes 113 and 100 at the same time, I don't know what will happen," said Morris.

"Supposedly there will be state police and National Guard out there to direct people," he added.

East Coventry resident Carole Glanski termed the meeting "very heated."

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"People were upset," she said. "They are angry at PE. The general consensus is that there will be sheer panic if the sirens go off; the plan is not workable and they are trying to tell us that people don't panic."

"The fact is that PE needs that plan approved before the license is granted," Glanski said.

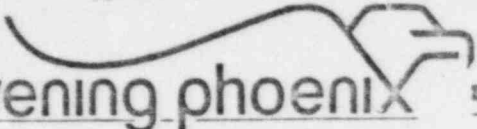
George Barnes, a PE spokesman, said today the meeting was attended by "a little over 100 people. About 60 percent were non-resident, anti-nuclear organizers. A lot were from LEA."

LEA, or Limerick Ecology Action, is a group opposed to the plant.

The main concerns of the people, he said, were the traffic patterns and the access to schools to pick up children.

According to Morris, Dr. Roy C. Claypool, superintendent of the Owen J. Roberts School District, said that he would not prohibit any parent from getting children from their schools. Plans so far have called for students to be bused to areas outside the 10-mile emergency planning zone.

The supervisors said the township will hold more meetings on the evacuation plan.



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Readers' Views . . .

Another point of view on the Limerick drill

Dear Editor:

I have read several accounts of the "success" of the evacuation drill for Limerick in a few local newspapers as well as comments on radio and TV news. All of these accounts seem to be saying what a Philadelphia Electric official said: "everything went off without a glitch." Perhaps from the main PE news release center, county E.O.C.'s or even the Limerick power plant itself the drill seemed an overwhelming success, but in MY opinion there are several problems that need attention.

I am one of the emergency workers assigned to respond and assist in evacuation efforts in East Pikeland Township. I am a police officer for the township and my assigned task is to be in charge of radiological monitoring within the township, and of the volunteers in the event of a disaster at Limerick. This means I am in charge of radiation detection equipment as well as administration of potassium iodine pills to workers to control levels of radiation absorbed by their bodies. That is about how my job was described to me in the "training" received from PE in three classes they held for our township's emergency workers. I was shown what the equipment and pills were, along with the rest of the group, in a lecture. I even tried to get a hands on demonstration of the equipment but was told, "basically you have a meter, you detect the radiation with a wand connected to the meter, and this is how you measure the amount of radiation."

If there is ever a disaster at Limerick, I want to know ahead of time more than just "basically" what I am supposed to do. With such a technical title, the job must be of vital importance, and I was assigned it, I did not volunteer, so it seems imperative that someone do it. When I questioned my superiors about equipment use, I was told it's covered later.

Regarding emergency workers volunteering their time: If and when the real thing comes along, would the scores of volunteers we heard about really stick around? I think this needs re-evaluation too. I am a firm believer that our local volunteer firefighters and rescue persons do a great job. Some of them would stay and serve our township's citizens, but would each and every one? I recall a vehicle fire a few years back where the truck which was on fire was carrying dynamite. Once fire personnel recognized that the cases in the back of the truck were the type explosive carriers use, they told the firefighters. At least half of those firefighters immediately left the area due to the extreme danger. (I was one of those who left.) Could we afford to lose half or even a quarter of our emergency workers when the "drill" turns into a real disaster? (I understand only about 40 volunteers showed for the township.)

My last point is that perhaps some of my questions regarding the use of the monitoring equipment as well as the administration of the potassium iodine pills would have been answered during the drill, which I intended to participate in. I was

working the midnight shift and I was not told what time the drill would take place, although the newspapers said some of the workers knew the time. I sleep during the evening before work, so at 8:45 p.m. when the sirens sounded, I was asleep with the windows closed. My wife was out so not able to awaken me. Calling me would have done no good because when I sleep, I unplug the phone. With my assigned job being of considerable importance, wouldn't it be necessary for me to know of an incident in order to respond?

In the Evening Phoenix, a local resident reported that he did not hear the sirens sounding either. An official passed this off by saying, all of the sirens have not been installed yet, when they are, EVERYONE should be able to hear them. This local resident said he lived about a quarter of a mile from a siren. I live no more than one eighth of a mile from a siren. If I look out my window on the second floor I can just see the top of that siren, and yet I couldn't hear it when I was asleep. When all of the sirens are installed, will one be closer than one eighth mile to me as well as other area residents who did not hear the test alert, so absolutely everyone will be alerted in the event of a disaster?

These are just a few points that are perhaps less noticeable to officials. Possibly local coordinators were more concerned with the command center operations than some of these details. While the command center operations are the most vital aspect of an evacuation, these details should not be overlooked. I am not against nor am I in favor of nuclear power, because I do not know enough about the nuclear method of producing energy. I can't imagine or believe Philadelphia Electric would do something as deliberate as to build an un-safe nuclear plant so close to a populated area. I believe in their corporate integrity, and their concern for the public's best interests as well as safety. But as I well know, accidents can happen. My interests are first for my family and second for the residents of East Pikeland and their safety in being able to evacuate if there ever were a disaster at Limerick.

With this drill being the only one to test our disaster readiness and with this being what I understand as the last stepping stone to Limerick receiving a permit to load the reactor at the plant and begin low level testing, I think local, state and federal officials should take a harder look at the overall results of the drill.

Bruce R. Ottey
Patrolman
East Pikeland
Township Police

E. Nantmeal discusses evacuation

By M. JOAN McINTIRE
(Local News Correspondent)

East Nantmeal Township residents had a special meeting Thursday night to discuss evacuation of the township's population in an emergency, specifically a serious incident at Limerick, Philadelphia Electric Co.'s nuclear generating station under construction and scheduled to go on line in 1985.

About 30 people attended the meeting, conducted by John Perry, East Nantmeal emergency management co-ordinator, and Ronald Deck, a planning specialist with Energy Management Inc., the Harrisburg firm hired by PE as consultants to municipalities developing emergency plans.

Under Pennsylvania Public Law 1332, Emergency Management Services code of 1978, municipalities within a 10-mile radius of a nuclear generating station have to develop co-ordinated evacuation plans. For Limerick, it includes 42 municipalities in three counties, about a quarter of a million people. In Chester County, the number to be evacuated is estimated at 55,000.

Chester County assistant director of emergency services John McNamara also participated. In answer to questions from residents expressing fear that nuclear power is too dangerous to use in a populated area, he admitted to "being able to plan for the middle ground but unable to satisfy the worst possible case scenario.

"But you can't stop planning for situations we can deal with," McNamara said.

Deck explained the four basic emergency action levels. The most minor is an unusual event which may or may not involve radiological release.

Subsequent levels

Next is an alert, in which degradation of the safety system may or may not cause a release of radiation and would require the notification of municipalities.

Next is a site emergency which may or may not involve a release of radiation below EPA guidelines for exposure at the site.

The fourth level, a general emergency, may or may not involve a release of radiation off the site and require residents in the 10 mile zone to take shelter indoors. A general emergency could require two types of evacuation; selective, like that ordered at Three Mile Island, or general, with everybody moving out the area.

Each household in the 10-mile zone will receive a public information brochure, Deck said. The residents of East Nantmeal will be told to go to one of two reception centers, either Downingtown Area Senior High School or Morgan Co., Morgantown.

The plans do not include using school buses except for school children, Deck said, and special plans are being developed for schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Owen J. Roberts School District will be moved to a host school, Twin Valley in Berks County, keeping pupils in the school district together.

Questions asked by residents included some that could not be answered.

"Given the worst possible accident, how much time do I have?" a resident asked.

The plans are being built around a time factor, taking into account different times of the day and conditions of weather, such as snow, that would affect the time to move people out of the area.

Depends on gas

Estelle Cremers of Warwick township, an outspoken critic of nuclear power and advocate of alternative energy sources, said, "If noble gases are released, we could be allowed back into our homes in a week to a month, but if particulates are released, it would be 20 to 30 years before we could go back."

A question of shelter was raised by Bernard Wolf, director of the Camphill Special School, who asked, "Radiation is made of rays, rays that penetrate. Who says I am safe in a house with the windows closed?"

Both questions, Deck said, would have to be answered by a health specialist.

A woman asked if evacuation route roads would be declared one-way. She said she works outside of the evacuation zone, and would have to come back in to get her four kids and her mother, who lives with her.

Residents wanted to know how often evacuation would be practiced and how residents would be notified in the event of an evacuation. A telephone system, financed by PE but controlled by the county communications office, will have a pre-recorded or live message and be programmed to ring an alert. A drill or practice has not been finalized yet.

Wolf wanted to know why the radius was only 10 miles when the food chain is affected in a 50 mile radius called the ingestion zone.

According to Deck, information on food processing will be provided through the Department of Agriculture. "Under the present guidelines, that is the way it is," he said.

In addition, farmers may be allowed back into the zone to tend to livestock or crops. They would be issued individual "doseimeters" to monitor their exposure, and be declared emergency workers.

Supervisor Nicholas Tkaczuk, after listening to discussion, said, "I get the feeling that people think the plan would work for a plane crash or truck crash but not for an accident at Limerick.

Maybe they should write to their senators and congressmen, if you feel that no plan would work and tell them you feel the plans are not adequate."

The board of supervisors may also write letters to elected representatives, Tkaczuk said.

March 12, 1984

Robert W. Saylor, Chairman
N. Coventry Township Supervisors
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Re: Limerick Generating Station Draft Evacuation Plans & Siren Alerting System

Dear Chairman Saylor:

This letter is drafted in response to Philadelphia Electric's evacuation plans for the municipalities and townships within the 10 mile radius of its Limerick nuclear power plant. As residents of North Coventry Township, Chester County, as parents and as taxpayers, we are dissatisfied with these plans and distressed in their lack of consideration for our Township and County and surrounding jurisdictions.

For example, on or about the second week of February 1984, sirens were installed in 7 sites around our Township by PECO without prior approval from our Township Supervisors, the Zoning Board and certainly without notice to the residents of this Township. In fact, one such siren has been erected on a 44 foot pole across the roadway from some of our properties in a highly residential area, without regard to height restrictions, road setback, proximity to homes, population density, and property devaluation. PECO has wrongly asserted that it is exempt from all zoning restrictions and was acting under mandate from the State and PUC. However, PECO never even applied to the PUC for an exemption and acted without color of authority in erecting these sirens. Furthermore, PECO spokespeople have provided inconsistent data about the frequency, duration of testing and decibel level.

We are angered about the deceptive manner in which this siren system is being installed and the attempts to circumvent local procedures. We are angered about the effect the installation of these sirens towering over our homes will have on the value of our properties and the effect the repeated testing will have on our children and animals.

This surreptitious approach employed by PECO leaves us residents skeptical of any materials offered by PECO for approval and acceptance. As you are aware the Limerick nuclear facility is in the second most densely populated site in the U.S.; at 20 miles, Limerick is four times more densely populated. The state of emergency preparedness provides reasonable assurance that prior to license issuance adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency. Despite PECO's false statement that most townships have submitted their evacuation plans for review, lingering and upsetting questions remain whether these evacuation plans can be implemented in sufficient time to protect public health and safety during an incident at Limerick:

- (1) The EPZ is arbitrarily set at a 10 mile radius, yet how can

radiation be stopped at a township line? Where are the reliable time estimates for evacuation to be completed?

(2) No realistic assessment has been made of road capabilities, congestion created by traffic flow, inclement weather and ingress into more densely populated areas (e.g. King of Prussia, Exton). How will tow, gasoline, busses and other emergency vehicles get through?

(3) Limited resources, insufficient equipment and personnel availability will impair the ability to implement these plans. How can the police, fire department and "volunteers" effectively evacuate the handicapped, invalids, pre-school children in private day care, and the large segment of the population that remains without transportation or even sufficient gasoline on the day in question? Where are the necessary busses, ambulances and vehicles to meet these needs?

(4) Will school personnel, supervisors, and teachers remain with our children when the fate and whereabouts of their own families are unknown?

(5) Who will secure our homes and businesses from vandals and looters once there is a general or selective evacuation?

(6) What precautions are being taken in the event of a spontaneous evacuation during preliminary stages of alert and preparedness?

(7) Why has the date July 25th been designated for the evacuation drill? How can an accurate assessment of emergency preparedness be obtained if a substantial segment of the population will be on vacation and our children be outside a school or pre-school setting when the testing is even done?

The questions are endless. The concerns are mounting, especially in view of PECO's attempts to bring in uranium fuel rods to store on site at Limerick later this month. Blind acceptance of PE's decisions are not in our community interests and we request of you, as our elected officials, to investigate these issues and to speak up now to safeguard the area in which we live and to protect our future and our children's futures.

Sincerely,

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Letter sent to U.S. Senators Arlen Specter and John Heinz; State Senators John Stauffer and Noah Wenger; State Reps. Samuel Morris and Arthur Hershey; Chester Co. Commissioners; North Coventry Twp. Supervisors; PUC Commissioner M. Johnson, Secretary Jerry Rich.

March 24, 1984

Dear friends,

Re: Public Hearing, Evacuation Plans for the Limerick Power Plant

Dear

As a fellow resident of North Coventry Township, we urge you to attend the Township Public Hearing on the issue of evacuation plans in the event of a nuclear accident at the Limerick generating plant. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th, at 8 P.M. at the Norco Fire Department.

Limerick cannot be fully licensed unless and until workable evacuation plans are approved by each township and municipality within the County. We believe the residents of North Coventry Township are deeply concerned over the adequacy of these plans. Disturbing questions linger with regard to:

- (1) road capabilities and traffic congestion;
- (2) evacuation time;
- (3) the displacement and security of our children should an "incident" develop during school hours;
- (4) the protection of our homes from vandals and looters if there is a general or selective evacuation;
- (5) the ability of the police, fire personnel and volunteers to effectively evacuate the handicapped, invalids, children in day care and the large segment of the population without transportation or sufficient gasoline;
- (6) whether a sufficient number of buses, emergency vehicles, equipment or volunteers even exist to sustain such a burden;
- (7) who will bear the costs related to training, testing, securing emergency equipment - the taxpayer, the rate payer or PECO?
- (8) the feasibility of a July 25th evacuation drill when a substantial segment of the population will be on vacation and the children will not be in a school setting.

These are some of the issues that will be discussed at this Public Hearing on April 4th. It is imperative that you attend, ask questions, and state your concerns. The Township Supervisors have called this meeting at the residents' request. Representatives from the School Board, Fire and Police Departments, PECO, as well as the Chester County Emergency Director, the North Coventry Emergency Services Director and our Supervisors will be present.

This time, YOU WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

Sincerely,

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Dear sense, if you have objection to the payers putting the ball for the plans due to nuclear power. I believe you are right with your objection. I am not a physicist, but I should not like to see the world...

Brenda Holtz

Norco residents blast PE evacuation plans

By SEAN MCKINNEY
Mercury Staff Writer

Local, county and state officials briefed North Coventry Township residents on continuing emergency response plans for the Limerick Power Plant then sat through a long and emotional meeting at the township fire house Wednesday night.

The meeting, called by the township board of supervisors to discuss the status of the plans, began with an update by Ron Deck, spokesman for Energy Consultants, the firm hired by Philadelphia Electric Company to devise an evacuation plan in case of an accident at the power plant.

The session also included comments by John Shannon of the Pennsylvania Emergency Service and Tim Campbell, director of Emergency Services for Chester County.

But before long the meeting belonged to the people — a standing-room crowd of over 200, most of whom demonstrated solid opposition to the Limerick plant and the plans with loud outbursts and rounds of applause to support countless criticisms offered by speakers from the floor.

The emergency response plans, which are being coordinated between local, state and county officials, must be approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before Limerick can put its first nuclear reactor on line.

PE hopes to activate Limerick One for commercial operation by April of 1985.

An emergency evacuation plan for a 10-mile surrounding the plant, the hub of the response plan, is far from complete at this stage.

Deck explained the evacuation would come only in the event of a "general emergency" when the possibility of a radioactive release from the plant exceeds guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Such an emergency, Deck said, would be the fourth classification of a nuclear accident. The first three would include: 1.) an unusual event, such as an accident within the plant, that would create a release that is under EPA standards, 2.) an alert calling for the need to inform municipalities, school districts and counties of the incident and 3.) a site emergency in which the release is still under EPA guidelines.

Deck added that a selective evacuation for pregnant women and ill and elderly people could be used before a full-scale evacuation, as was the case during the Three Mile Island accident near Harrisburg accident five years ago.

He said during a full evacuation, which has yet to take place anywhere in the world, check lists would be made available to officials representing fire, police, emergency, coordination, school districts and medical facilities to ensure proper steps would be taken. He said many variables accounting for all incidents will be figured into the check lists.

Deck added his firm was in the process of issuing draft number five for the plan and that it is slowly being geared toward the individual needs of municipalities.

Evacuation routes for Norco would be Route 724 and Route 100 South to Route 23. At the perimeter of the 10-mile zone, Deck said, reception areas would be set up to direct people to "mass care centers" 20 miles away which would be operated by the Red Cross to accommodate 50 percent of the area's affected population.

Deck said the 50 percent figure was devised because many people would be able to seek refuge with friends or relatives outside of the affected zone.

Bill Dunlap, a state emergency planner who accompanied Shannon to the meeting, said the 10-mile evacuation zone has been determined by the federal government as the area in which a radioactive release would most likely exceed EPA guidelines.

A number of unanswered questions surfaced during the ensuing discussion. Officials were unable to speculate on how long an evacuation would take because a New England firm is still studying that issue, considering roads, varying weather conditions, population, number of cars, schools, hospitals and other facilities.

Deck said the study, commissioned by PE, should produce figures within two or three weeks. He added that evacuation time periods projected for the Three Mile Island area is between 8½ and 11 hours.

But a speaker from the floor later pointed out that the four-lane highway system surrounding TMI is much better adapted for an evacuation than those surrounding Norco and that the population is greater in the Limerick area than the TMI area.

Deck admitted over 200,000 residents in the 10-mile zone around Limerick is the largest population figure for any area inside the 10-mile zone of a nuclear power plant in the United States.

Exactly how long residents would have to evacuate the area was also undetermined. One resident, claiming to be a nuclear engineer, said it would be "so many hours it could turn into days" but could not provide an average figure.

Another concern brought up by residents was the evacuation of students from the Owen J. Roberts School District and private schools as well as pre-school children in day care centers.

Joe Clark, administrator for Roberts, said the school district only has 47 buses and needs "at least 55" to safely evacuate every student in the district.

Furthermore, he said, only 25 school bus drivers have strongly committed themselves to working during an evacuation. The remaining manpower and school buses will be provided by Chester County, said Tim Campbell, emergency coordinator for the county, in another aspect of the plan that is still being worked on.

The issue of how many teachers will remain with students during an emergency is also undecided, although Clark said more than half of the teachers have said they will remain with students.

Clark pointed out that such plans change with personnel changes every year and made it clear that the school district's plan, which, like all municipal and school district plans in the area, must interlock with state and county plans, is far from finished.

"We're in the process of getting draft eight from draft seven," said Clark. "But we'll probably need seven or eight more drafts before we're ready."

All officials connected with local plans — Clark, township Supervisor William Deegan, county coordinator Campbell — felt confident that evacuation plans would not be approved if they were found unacceptable.

During the discussion, numerous points of information, concerns and answers to questions — most eliciting applause and cheers and the insistent hammering of the gavel by meeting director Robert Saylor, chairman of Norco supervisors — were provided by officials and residents. Some of them included:

- Food used for evacuation centers will be provided by school districts and eventually the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which will transport it to centers with military vehicles.
- Children will be held at schools outside the 10-mile zone until parents come to claim them. These schools will be turned into mass care centers for overnight stays in case parents can not get there right away.
- A \$570 million insurance fund provided by the Price-Anderson Act would provide residents affected by a nuclear accident as much as \$5 million — a fact that was greeted by cynicism by most residents.

foundest when Dr. Ronald P. Milito of Phoenixville handed Shannon and Campbell letters detailing his objections — and the meeting dragged on toward 11 p.m. with no hint of a conclusion in sight.

slammed his hand on a table and declared "evacuate that plan and let us live our lives in peace." The outburst set the tone for numerous others — including the

evacuation plans as meaningless and asked "who has a plan for the rest of our lives? (After an accident)." Her impassioned speech sparked numerous outbursts and led Saylor to temporarily halt the meeting when a middle-aged man man

• Whether or not Norco officials will put a proposed emergency response plan up for a referendum vote before it is voted on by them has not yet been decided. The meeting kicked into high gear when one emotional woman decried

Graterford Prison Evacuation Concerns Supervisors

Perkiomen Board Balks on Limerick Emergency Plans

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors last night balked on endorsing the latest draft of the evacuation plans in the event of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

The final draft of the evacuation plans will be given to municipalities living within a 10-mile radius of the plant for approval in July, and a practice evacuation drill is slated for July 25.

The owner of the plant, Philadelphia Electric Co., has hired Energy Consultants to work on the plans with municipalities including Limerick, Skippack, Perkiomen, Lower Frederick,

Lower and Upper Providence townships as well as the boroughs of Trappe, Schwenksville and Collegetown.

The supervisors expressed concern about evacuating 2,955 inmates from the State Correctional Institute at Graterford in Skippack, which is east of Perkiomen.

"I share the same feelings as Skippack," Supervisor Claire S. Olson declared. "Those prisoners are going to be driven down Route 29 right through our township."

On March 14, the Skippack supervisors refused to draw up the evacuation plans, unless they are told about the plans for evacuating the inmates.

"As an elected official," Mrs.

Olson said, "I can not sign my name to these plans. I can't see how any of the municipalities could sign their names considering the responsibilities the plans require of them."

She then expressed reservations on the following responsibilities of the municipalities called for by the plans:

- Providing an emergency operations center with a qualified person to coordinate the center and training volunteers to work in it.

- Supplementing the public alert system with the county.

- Providing municipal security of the area if evacuation has occurred.

- Providing fire and rescue if the area has been evacuated.

- Ensuring that traffic is controlled.

- Maintaining a list of invalids and handicapped persons and providing special needs for them including transportation.

Mrs. Olson also said that municipalities are responsible for updating the plans.

"I find these tasks impossible," Mrs. Olson said. "Before any action is taken on the plans, all of the residents should receive copies of them."

"You're not going to get enough volunteers to work," resident Dorothy Owad, of Rahns, said.

"Did you (the board) get any applications for the sirens? They're going way above zoning regulations," she continued.

Resident Raymond Russo then suggested that the township file a suit against PE for installing the 55-foot sirens to warn residents of an emergency.

"It's illegal. In Chester County they filed a suit," Russo said.

Mrs. Olson went on to say that a law may be passed requiring the state to reimburse the municipalities for costs involved in evacuation plans.

Board Chairman Richard Kratz then asked the 24 residents at last night's meeting to write letters to Harrisburg opposing the spending of their tax dollars on the plans.

"This township is not going to pay a dime for them (the plans)," Walker said.

"I read that if we don't sign the evacuation plans, it means the plant can't go on-line. Is that true?" questioned Supervisor George Dressing.

"I'm not sure. But if it is, that means we have more muscle than I thought," Kratz replied.

"That power plant is the stupidest thing I ever saw. It should be used for a landfill," said resident Harry Norton.

April 20, 1984

"Readers Speak Out"
Letter to the Editor
The Mercury
Hanover and King Streets
Pottstown, Penna. 19464

Dear Sir:

We attended the recent public meeting held in the Norco Fire Company regarding the radiological evacuation plans for the Limerick nuclear power plant. Whenever a question could not be answered regarding such "unmet needs" as availability of buses, emergency vehicles and volunteers; commitments from bus drivers and teachers to evacuate and remain with our school children regardless of their own familys' safety; evacuation times; or implementing the plans given local road conditions and population density, we were reminded that these plans are in DRAFT form and are constantly "evolving". North Coventry Township is currently on Draft #4 and Owen J. Roberts School District is on Draft #7, and there is assurance that additional drafts will follow. Meanwhile, PECO, which never sent a representative to our public meeting, has sought to obtain a full-power operating license by October of 1984.

AT WHAT POINT DO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OUR NUMEROUS EMERGENCY PLANNERS STAND UP AND SAY THAT EMERGENCY PLANS FOR A RADIOLOGICAL "INCIDENT" AT LIMERICK ARE INADEQUATE AND UNFEASIBLE AND SHOULD NOT BE PROMULGATED?

The Shoreham nuclear power plant, located on narrow, densely populated Long Island, New York, has not received a full-power operating license because the county legislature has decided that a safe evacuation of the area around the plant is impossible and it has refused to submit a worthless plan to the NRC. New York's Governor Cuomo refused to impose an independently developed state plan upon the County, adding that local participation was "essential". In May of 1983, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board withheld approval for a full-power operating license for the Zimmer nuclear power plant in Ohio because the utility was unable to develop adequate and implementable evacuation plans for the schools near the plant site, citing deficiencies in tele-communications, transportation resources and commitments from bus drivers.

If emergency measures to successfully evacuate the 200,000 people within the 10 mile radius of Limerick are unworkable, that may mean NRC refusal to license Limerick, rendering the plant the billion dollar white elephant that it is. Limerick is PECO's

epic miscalculation: the tax payer should not pay the cost of radiological emergency planning for the utility which builds a nuclear power plant, and area residents should not pay for the high cost of nuclear power with their family's health and safety. Limerick should be PECO's risk, not ours.

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CHESTER COUNTY

Schuylkill Township

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 14, 1983

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Dear Mr. Dunn:

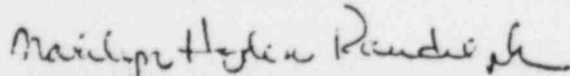
This letter confirms our telephone conversation of this morning at which time arrangements were made for you to meet with members of our Board of Supervisors on July 27, 1983, at 7 p.m., here at our Township Hall.

Under separate cover I have mailed to you a copy of the comments which were prepared by Norman Vutz. Mr. Vutz will be one of our supervisors in January and will be attending the meeting of July 27. Mr. Vutz is a professional engineer and has been extremely interested in the welfare of the township. We were delighted when he agreed to review the draft of the evacuation plans for Limerick because of his vast experience and excellent background. Between now and July 27, possibly you can prepare answers to Mr. Vutz's questions and comments.

If there should be any questions you may have regarding this matter, you may call at any time.

Very truly yours,

SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Marilyn Hyden Randolph
Township Clerk

July 11, 1985

Ms. Marilyn H. Randolph
Schuylkill Township
801 Valley Park Road
Phoenixville, Pa. 19460

Dear Ms. Randolph:

Your June 16 letter request for my review, comments, and recommendations of the emergency evacuation plans drafted by Energy Consultants, Inc., is the cause of this letter. I am very dissatisfied with the plan, its apparent lack of consideration of Township and neighboring conditions, and its complete lack of focus on an overall goal or objective.

My general comments are:

1. The basic need for an evacuation plan has not been established. The anticipated perils to the Township that arise from Limerick are not clearly stated. Until we know what we are supposed to plan for, it is futile to go through the planning exercise.
2. Draft plan is superficial, lacks specifics and does not reflect basic knowledge of local conditions. I believe it is the product of unqualified people "going through the motions" to satisfy legal requirements only.
3. Financial responsibility for plan development and plan maintenance is not made clear. Unlike an act of God (tidal wave, glacier, etc.) the menaces of Limerick are a result of PECO decisions; hence, preparation for such a menace is NOT a community cost responsibility.
4. The menaces of Limerick cover a broader area than our single Township. Planning should clearly flow from overall impacted area considerations down through how each municipality fits into the overall situation. This plan does not address spill-over from adjacent communities or areas of obvious cooperation.

The first comment reflects a need to go back to basics in emergency plan thinking and to communicate the important points resulting from that thinking in the plan. The second comment reflects the poor plan quality that results from its poor foundation. The third comment touches on an area of immediate concern, because to prepare a useful plan for Schuylkill Township and its neighboring areas will require much work and expense. The fourth comment reflects my impression of disjointedness of the draft plan as it relates to the general area. Logically, plan development would be done on an area-wide basis with the relevant aspects extracted for each municipality's own plan while maintaining overall conciseness.

My recommendations are:

1. Review, categorize, and clearly define the anticipated perils arising from Limerick. Based on the reactor type, fuel loading, and prior operating history, as well as the containment provisions, estimate the worst case radioactive material release quantities, release rates, and propagation rates for all possible incident types. This should be sufficient to establish a family of perils to be planned for.

For each peril, study the appropriate emergency responses. Sheltering, evacuation or a combination may be appropriate, depending on many factors. There are limitations on our prompt evacuation capabilities which may require supplemental sheltering.

3. Recognize that the area changes markedly from weekday to weeknight to weekend in the important characteristics of population distribution. An effective emergency plan must address each major population distribution because the best weekday response may not be the best weeknight response. Student and worker commuting shift patterns are important in bedroom communities.

4. Recognize that the area still has a significant agricultural activity level including the keeping of valuable livestock. Total area evacuation is not practical in all cases. Once the perils are understood, logical responses can be planned.

Based on the quality of the draft plan prepared by Energy Consultants, Inc., and submitted by Philadelphia Electric, the Township and its residents should be skeptical of any materials offered for approval or acceptance. The Township should assess its clout as an impacted municipality and become active in the licensing and approval process for the Limerick Generating Station.

Neither blind opposition to Limerick nor blind acceptance of PECO's decisions will serve our best interests. At present our greater risk is the latter case. Due to the acrimony in the nuclear power area between proponents and opponents, we may anticipate some resentment over our questioning PECO's decisions and its various consultants' actions.

Detailed comments on the draft by page are attached.

Very truly yours,

NORMAN VUTZ



Photo by Liz Andrews

Evacuation map

Schuylkill Township Supervisors Herman John, left, and R. Kimbel Colket review a copy of a map showing proposed evacuation arteries within the 10-mile radius of Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Limerick nuclear power plant, as township residents look on. PE

consultants attended Monday night's meeting to assist the supervisors in planning an emergency operations center for the township. The center will be housed at the township building.

Limerick evacuation plan debated at meeting in Schuylkill Township

By MARIANNA HASSRICK
Staff Writer

SCHUYLKILL TWP. — Consultants for Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE) and township supervisors met Monday night to work on evacuation plans for the municipality in the event of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

Ronald L. Deck and William T. Dunlap, planners/trainers for emergency management services at Energy Consultants of Harrisburg, outlined the requirements for a township emergency operation center.

Deck noted that a survey taken by mail last September has produced a list of the homebound, those without transportation and the hearing impaired. Under

questioning, Deck said there is no guarantee that the survey produced a 100 percent response, but felt that others not contacted by mail would come forward as the plan receives more publicity.

The emergency operation center would be set up in the township building, with two isolated telephone lines installed to handle contacts with the county and for outgoing verification calls. Also recommended was a scanner to monitor what is going on in the 10-mile radius of the plant.

Deck also suggested a message board, a battery AM/radio and an external antenna for local amateur radio operators. The supervisors suggested that an emergency generator be added to

the list of items also.

The consultant said a July 25 exercise is planned to test the efficiency of the emergency operations center. However, no movement of residents is involved in the test.

EMERGENCY TRAINING

Prior to the July 25 exercise, township supervisors, fire and police departments and emergency management volunteers will be trained. The first session will explain nuclear power technology and radiation concepts. Other sessions will provide an overview of all emergency plans and a simulated exercise.

Deck noted that schools, and
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industries in the township are preparing their own evacuation plans. "Some industries would not be able to pull a switch and walk out," he said.

The recently installed warning sirens are designed to alert the public, not of a nuclear accident per se, but to turn on their area emergency radio station to learn what is happening and what they should do.

Sometime before the July 25 exercise, the public will receive a brochure containing information necessary in case of an accident and the need for evacuation. Proposed evacuation routes currently listed on the plan include Routes 23 and 29 and Country Club Road. The brochure will also list host communities and directions to reception centers in those areas.

PUBLIC NOT CONVINCED

Paul Pazery, a township resident, reminded the consultants that the public will not conform to such direction without more knowledge of the situation. He said he was in England during the several bombing raids and the experience was chaotic. "It will be utter chaos," he said.

Pazery also questioned the kind of isotopes that would be released from the Limerick plant. Dunlap said they would be inner gases, such as xenon and krypton. The plan, Pazery said, did not allow for wind blowing the gases in many directions. He also suggested that PE had bypassed township zoning ordinances in erecting the warning siren poles, which he said have not been approved by the state Public Utility Commission.

Supervisor Herman John questioned whether the township officials have the authority to declare an emergency and institute a localized evacuation in the case of a truck or rail emergency.

The consultants replied that the governor would issue an evacuation order in the event of a nuclear plant accident. He heads the chain of command that would begin with the accident being reported by the utility. They said the public alerting system must be established to notify the public about what to do in that event.

Pazery said it must be stressed that a nuclear explosion cannot take place at Limerick, due to the radiological fallout that would result.

Mrs. Dorothy Guerra told the consultants that there is a fear of the unknown since the Three Mile Island incident. Dunlap explained that part of the problem there was that a grid lock on the phones cut dial tones, which hampered the passing on of information. Since that time, all nuclear power plants have installed dedicated phone systems to correct the problem.

Ed Heit asked if the planners had considered the fact that Nutt Road is to be closed for reconstruction, which would cut off a major exit artery. He also suggested that if the dam on Route 23 broke, a bridge washout would close the roadway for months before it could be repaired.

Ivan Stiles told the consultants that the July 25 exercise will not test the evacuation plan if there is no simulated evacuation. He also asked how much the institution of the emergency plan would cost initially and how much it will cost to maintain. No figure is available at present.

Residents question practicality of evacuation

By MARIANNA HASSRICK
Staff Writer

Questions concerning the practicality of the Emergency Response Plan prepared for Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE) by a Harrisburg consulting firm were raised once more at Wednesday night's meeting of the Schuylkill Township Supervisors.

Residents wanted specific answers on what the township plans to do in the event of an accident at the nuclear power plant under construction at Limerick Township. The answers, however, were not forthcoming.

R. Kimbel Colket, supervisor chairman, reported that the supervisors are waiting for a decision by Chester County Court of Common Pleas Judge Leonard Sugerman on the suit instituted by the utility against South Coventry Township.

The suit was filed after South Coventry officials cited property owners for allowing the utility to erect warning signal poles on their property.

"There has been no Chester County Court decision to date," Colket said. "We will wait for that decision."

Township solicitor John Good told the supervisors that Judge Sugerman was waiting for an additional

brief to be filed before ruling on the matter.

Supervisor Norman Vutz, chairman of emergency response planning, noted that there are many unanswered questions that have to be resolved. Several township residents echoed his remarks.

Paul Pazery told the supervisors that the fifth draft of the county emergency response plan carries the names of the commissioners on page 1, leaving the impression that they had prepared it, but that as of April 10, none of them had read it.

PREPARED STATEMENT

Pazery read a statement saying that much of the plan prepared by the Harrisburg consultants is based on assumptions concerning weather, wind direction, traffic conditions, presence of police and firemen and the cooperation of volunteers, but nowhere is there any reference to radiation intensity prevailing in the so-called "plume" mentioned in the plan.

"This factor is crucial because very small doses of radiation are enough to cause damage or death to living beings. For instance, a total body dose of 1,000 rads is fatal to humans and most animals — yet the amount of energy transmitted is unbelievably small: it corresponds to a temperature elevation of

roughly 1/1000 of 1 degree Fahrenheit.

"We can feel the energy transmitted to our bodies by light, heat, electricity, but our senses do not perceive radiation: it can neither be felt, seen, tasted nor smelled; instruments are necessary to detect it. The more radiation received, the worse the consequences because effects are cumulative.

"While the physical and chemical changes produced in living organisms occur in a few microseconds, their biological effects may take days, months or years to appear, depending on the dose. They affect mainly the body's blood-forming mechanisms, the reproductive organs, the skin and the eye."

Pazery said on several occasions he had asked NRC representatives what levels of radiation could be expected following a major incident such as a meltdown. He was referred to the NRC in Washington, but his written requests have gone unanswered.

He said the TMI accident must have provided the NRC with an idea of what levels of radiation to expect, of the quantities and proportions of isotopes produced and with some forecasts of time factors concerning onset and duration of the radiological emergency.

Without these estimates, Pazery said the evacuation plan fails to address the fundamental problem: how can citizens living within the vicinity of the Limerick plant best protect themselves in the event of a
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radiological emergency.

His statement continued: "Should they stay at home? Should they evacuate without any knowledge of the levels of radiation prevailing outside? Should firemen and police be asked to direct traffic and absorb radiation for the duration of the evacuation? Who will be responsible for damages and injuries incurred during evacuation? Who will pay for the claims and lawsuits sure to follow?"

"In the absence of answers to these questions, PE's evacuation plan deserves a clearcut rejection by township supervisors and county commissioners. They should make it clear to the NRC that this plan is unacceptable."

Also reading a letter was Barbara Viser, who asked that the supervisors enforce the zoning laws which she said were violated when PE erected the warning signal poles in the township.

'Too many holes' found in emergency plan

By MARIANNA HASSRICK
Staff Writer

SCHUYLKILL TWP. — A week after the first test of emergency preparedness in the municipalities within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick nuclear power plant, residents of Schuylkill Township still have unanswered questions about the feasibility of the plans.

In response to residents' questions Thursday night at a meeting of the township supervisors, Norman Vutz, township emergency coordinator, said he and other volunteers "went through the motions" on July 25, but he felt there were "too many holes" in the plan which he termed "not completed."

Vutz said that he went to the township's emergency coordinating

headquarters in the municipal building when notified last Wednesday, along with official observers.

He said the plan called for him to notify township supervisors of the simulated emergency, as well as the McAvoy Vitrified Brick Co. and the Phoenixville Area School District. Since school was not in session, he said there was no response to that call.

SECOND DRILL SOUGHT

"Another drill is in order," Vutz said, "after we have our equipment in place and the plan is completed."

Township resident Wayne Shych, who serves as a volunteer emergency plan liaison between Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE), which is building the Limerick plant, and the township,

asked Vutz to "identify the holes in the plan and we'll get them plugged up."

Shych reminded the supervisors that a state law (Act 1322) requires each municipality to prepare an emergency plan. When another resident questioned PE's hiring of Energy Consultants Inc. to aid townships in preparing their plans, Vutz said, "They (PE) are helping us prepare for the hazards they're exposing us to."

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Township resident Ed Heit asked Vutz to explain whom he takes direction from in an emergency situation. Vutz said he would be notified by the county. The chain is township to county, county to state and state to federal, he said.

Heit noted that at the July 11 supervisors meeting, board members had stated that they had not been informed of plans for the July 25 drill. He asked when they were notified.

Supervisor President R. Kimbel Colket said he had received a call on July 23 saying that township police would not be required to go on route direction duty.

When Heit asked if anyone had attended emergency personnel training sessions, Vutz said he had attended the session for township police, which he did not consider worthwhile. Vutz said he had not gone to any other meetings. He is to present his comments to the county emergency plan coordinator next Monday.

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Dr. John Lukacs, a member of the township planning commission, told the supervisors that he had received a number of calls from residents suggesting that the township's emergency plan coordinator contact other municipalities to compare notes on evacuation plans.

OTHER MATTERS

A proposal to build ten houses, on lots of two or more acres each, on the Skyline Farm property on Oakwood Lane, has been reviewed to the township engineer, A.W. Martin. The plan calls for several houses to face Oakwood Lane with the others on a rural road and cul-de-sac.

Supervisor Lawrence Drake moved that the board express approval of the Skyline Farm concept, with Colket seconding the motion. The vote ended in a 2-2 tie with Edward Stoerber abstaining.

The supervisors did approve a special exception allowing the National Christian Conference to erect another building on its site. The exception had been approved by the zoning hearing board and the planning commission.

John McIntyre, assistant chief of Valley Forge Fire Co., announced that the company plans to purchase a tanker truck at a cost of \$108,000. The chassis will be supplied by Morris-Berman of Pottstown and the tank from Four Guys. The 1985 stainless steel tanker will hold 3,500 gallons of water and should be ready in April, 1985.

Firemen responded to 13 calls, seven accidents and wash downs, and two water rescues in July.

In his report, Police Chief Thomas Marchegiano said township police answered 246 complaints during the month. They issued 28 traffic citations, investigated 13 accidents, arrested three for driving under the influence, made three criminal arrests, a drug arrest and one underage drinking arrest.

South Coventry refuses to accept

PE evacuation plan

By MIKE CONTOS
Mercury Staff Writer

South Coventry Township officials this week refused to take part in evacuation plans for the nuclear power plant in Limerick and said they would approve no plans until someone other than the township pays for a survey of municipal emergency resources.

The rural Chester County township declined to "fill in the blanks" on a draft plan Philadelphia Electric Company's consultant presented officials Monday. The refusal was the first by any of the 42 municipalities within a 20-mile radius of Limerick involved with the evacuation planning.

"We're not going along with any plans until PE shows us who is going to pay for it," said Richard Whitlock, chairman of the three-member board of supervisors.

Whitlock said Energy Consultants, the firm retained by PE to work with municipalities and school districts to create individual evacuation plans, presented a draft proposal to the township on Monday. The supervisor said the proposal was a simple form given to all municipalities with blank spaces to fill out.

"There are too many gaps in the forms and a lot of unanswered questions," Whitlock said. "We're not going to approve something for them (Energy Consultants) to send to the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)."

Whitlock said South Coventry was not the only municipality declining to take part in evacuation plans and that many townships and boroughs throughout the nation are holding back until learning clear-cut methods of funding for the preparations.

He cited a recent investigation by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, which leveled heavy criticism at the NRC for accepting evacuation plans that were deficient. The investigation said there are no minimum planning standards for evacuations and no follow-up procedures.

In recent months the NRC has encountered difficult emergency planning problems with two reactors near densely populated New York City — Indian Point in Westchester County and Shoreham on Long Island. In the case of Shoreham, Suffolk County authorities have refused to cooperate in setting up evacuation plans, and are jeopardizing the start-up of the plant.

"I object vehemently that under the draft plan residents of South Coventry Township would have to be evacuated to two different locations," Whitlock said. He added the plan called for 90 percent of the 1,644 residents to head west along Route 23 to the Morgantown area, while the rest would be evacuated south along Route 100 into Downingtown.

"If we have to evacuate, there will be no splitting of South Coventry Township," Whitlock said.

All municipalities within a 20-mile range of the Limerick site have been presented draft plans to provide for a mass evacuation of shut-ins, the blind and the disabled, as well as the able-bodied. The municipalities have been asked to research their emergency resources and forward the information to their respective county governments.

The state is ultimately responsible for a master evacuation plan. It is undetermined if an individual plan could be forced onto South Coventry without the approval of the local officials.

PE representatives fail to show at South Coventry meeting

By JIM KERR
Mercury intern

South Coventry supervisors expressed their displeasure Monday night with officials of the Philadelphia Electric Company who failed to show at the board's meeting after promising to attend.

According to chairman Richard Whitlock, Jeff Suzenski, PE's community relations representative for Chester County, confirmed that he would attend the meeting to discuss with the board the possibility of relocating two warning sirens in the township.

"I told PE the board would meet publicly but not privately. I invited them to attend this meeting to discuss the siren situation. They said they would attend, and now I don't see any representatives from PE here."

Whitlock also stated that Larry P. Eckman, PE's community relations representative for Montgomery County, had spoken with him asking to meet with the board concerning the sirens.

"I received a call from Mr. Eckman Thursday, and at that time he asked to meet Friday with the board in private. When I told him I wouldn't meet privately, he made several accusations against the board and myself. I told him the board would meet with him anytime providing we have time to inform the public."

"This is typical of PE and the officials we've been dealing with," Whitlock said. "Twice we have asked forthright to meet them and twice they agreed to meet with us. Twice now they have failed to come through. It is becoming very difficult to take anything PE says at word."

The sirens, which are part of a response network required by the U.S. Regulatory Commission in conjunction with the Limerick nuclear power plant, have been a major concern of the supervisors since residents began protesting in February.

The main focus of the dispute is a siren on Coventryville Road, located just over 100 feet from a private residence. A neighborhood petition, containing 42 signatures, protesting the location of the siren was presented to the board.

Township supervisors determined that the utility, like anyone else, needs a permit to erect any structure on township land, and the sirens are in violation of the township's 35-foot height restriction.

In April PE filed suit in Chester County Court against the township, saying the electric company as a utility is exempt from local zoning and building code ordinances.

Township supervisors are still awaiting the court's decision which is expected soon.

Mrs. Rosemarie Bannigan, coordinator of the original petition, was one of several residents who attended the meeting to discuss the matter with PE officials.

According to Mrs. Bannigan, Suzenski phoned her in June requesting a meeting between PE and the petitioners involved in the Coventryville Road dispute, to discuss the possibility of relocating the siren.

Bannigan told the board Suzenski made two stipulations if the petitioners wanted to meet with PE officials. First, the meeting would have to be conducted in an orderly fashion, and second, no township representatives could be present.

"We couldn't understand why they wanted to meet with us privately. I told them we thought we could just meet here," Bannigan told the Mercury. "I'm shocked no one from PE is here, they have changed their story so many times."

In another matter involving the emergency response plan, Whitlock presented a plan to survey the township to determine how many residents would need help evacuating if an emergency situation arises.

Whitlock asked the board to consider hiring three or four paid volunteers to conduct a door-to-door survey of the entire township. He said the survey would provide a base figure of the number of incapacitated and handicapped residents who would need township help evacuating during an emergency.

Supervisor Steven Longo said the initial figures of the survey would have to be constantly updated, since the number of incapacitated people in the township will be changing periodically.

"We'll have to provide a form for residents to inform us if a member of their family becomes incapacitated," Longo said. "Otherwise, in the event of an emergency we would

be acting on incorrect data."

The board took no action on the plan.

In other business, the board agreed to create a no parking area on both sides of Cadmus Road, from Robin Lane to Route 100, effective August 7.

Also, the board drew a letter to be sent to the state police barracks in Embreeville requesting strict enforcement of traffic laws along Route 100 at the intersection of Route 23. The board expressed its disapproval of trucks constantly running the light at that intersection.



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June 16, 1983

George M. Burnley, Jr.
Chairman, West Vincent Township
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Chester Springs, PA 19425

Dear Mr. Burnley:

About six weeks ago, at a regular township meeting, there was a session between Dave Monteith, the Township Emergency Management Director, and one of Philadelphia Electric nuclear evacuation planning consultants. These two gentlemen went through a form which was reputed to be a "draft emergency plan outline". There were many boxes to be filled out. It was very unspecific in nature and consisted of information such as the number of tow trucks available and the number of buses available and data of that sort. In no way was it a plan for evacuation in case of a nuclear accident. In fact, weeks earlier we had requested to see this form and we were told that we couldn't be shown it yet but that we would soon get a copy for the purpose of filling out and signature.

When, at the township meeting, a point was brought up in relation to tow trucks, it was stated that there are only two in the area and that the last time one was needed it took two days to get it around. There were some chuckles and the two participants went on to the next box on the form. Then, escape Rte. 100 was mentioned and when it was pointed out that this route would get jammed up very quickly no one had any answers and the next box on the form was attended to. When this form was finally filled out, all neat and tidy, I had something to say about the unreality of all of this. Helen Zipperlen of Camphill Village made a very moving statement about the deathlike seriousness of the matter and that we wouldn't sit by timidly observing the lightness with which it was being handled. She said that we couldn't have anything to do with any kind of an evacuation plan unless a whole lot of very important questions were satisfactorily answered and that after several meetings there still was not the beginning of any answers.

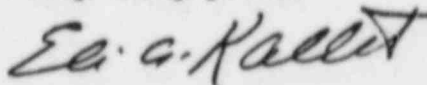
At a recent meeting of LEA (Limerick Ecology Action) on June 9, we were told that with the knowledge of West Vincent Township, the PECO consultants have already sent, to the NRC, something called a "Draft Emergency Plan Outline"! We have not been sent any kind of document for examination or for signature. It is our understanding that by September 1, PECO expects to send to PEMA (Pa. Emergency Management Agency) "Local Emergency Plans" that have been prepared, including plans for West Vincent Township. We are extremely concerned that the points expressed by Helen Zipperlen, myself, and others, have not at all been addressed. Before that plan is turned in these many points will have to be cleared up by the township and its many inhabitants, and not by PECO. If anything is sent in it must be the direct doing of the township and its people and not a rubber stamping of PECO's plan, prepared by slick salesmen who don't even live here. It is just the kind of thing that has happened at Shoreham, Long Island, and is one of the reasons that has stopped the licensing activity there.

There is very much that needs to be discussed and answered. At the LEA meeting a fireman from West Vincent stated that he and his colleagues, in case of nuclear accident, will have to give priority to their families. This man and others, plan to be at the township meeting on Monday, June 20, to discuss this further. What will the bus drivers do? As at Three Mile Island, we expect that they will also feel that their families come first. As stated before: "This is not a game; it is deadly serious".

The LEA attorney, J. Dorsey, has told us that there is no legal requirement for the township to prepare a plan. In fact, South Coventry has said it does not plan to participate in emergency planning. They apparently see no realism to evacuation plans and have decided to face the situation head on.

We at Camphill Village recognize our responsibilities to our people and the land and animals. We look forward to hearing from you in this all important matter.

Very truly yours,



Eli A. Kallet
Camphill Village

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cc: Helen Zipperlen, Director, Camphill Village, Kimberton Hills
Lenore B. Richards, Secretary, West Vincent Township
David J. Monteith, Emergency Management Director, West Vincent Township
Richard Whitlock, Pottstown, Pa.
Honorable John Stauffer, State Senator, 19th District
Phyllis Zitzer, President, LEA
Judith Dorsey, Counsel, LEA

Evacuation plan concerns W. Vincent residents

By FRANK BABCOCK
Correspondent

W. VINCENT TWP. — A large crowd of township residents was on hand at Tuesday's meeting of the West Vincent Township Board of Supervisors to provide input on a proposed emergency evacuation plan.

The plan is being prepared in conjunction with a request by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to each municipality within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick nuclear power plant. The plant's No. 1 reactor is scheduled to go on line in 1985.

Some of the citizens present were members of Limerick Ecology Action, an anti-nuclear group. Eli Kallet, of Camphill Village, Kimberlin Hills, read a prepared statement contending that a workable emergency evacuation plan could not be developed, and pointed out that South Coventry township had come to that conclusion and was not going to be involved in the development of such a plan.

A portion of Kallet's statement requested that "an official citizens' board be appointed from volunteers in the county for the express purpose of reviewing and evaluating the plan, which will have to be approved or rejected when it comes back." Another portion of the statement asked, "Is a real evacuation plan at all possible? If so, this citizens' advisory board can have a great influence in making it possible; if it is impossible, they should say so and in turn, the township should reject the plan."

DISCUSSION ENSUES

Following Kallet's statement, a lengthy discussion ensued, in which concern was expressed about coordination of such plans among various townships, and a variety of questions arose relating to specific
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hypothetical situations. One contention was that state authorities were to appear in either September or October for evaluation of the township's rough draft of the evacuation plan.

George M. Burnley Jr., chairman of the board of supervisors, later was asked to comment about the concerns expressed by citizens.

"We certainly want to hear the views of West Vincent Township citizens, and it appears that most of those present were using the issue of an emergency evacuation plan as a means of possibly preventing the Limerick plant from starting up. We expect to spend a lot of time looking into this matter, and we ask people to be patient. "I want to make one thing clear," he said, "there is no date whatsoever for consideration of even a rough draft, let alone as soon as October. It may be a long time coming, and when it is, we will call a public meeting to hear all points of view."

Burnley added, "One proposal we must reject out of hand. While we feel a citizens' board might be useful, the board of supervisors will not surrender our mandated authority to develop such plans. We have an Emergency Management Director, David Monteith, who is capable and qualified, and we will be working closely with him."

Kallet, contacted Wednesday, said "I think one thing was accomplished Tuesday night. The township became aware that there is a large latent group of concerned citizens. We have waked them up."

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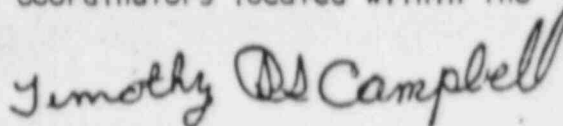
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Timothy R. S. Campbell
Director

July 10, 1984

TO: All Fire, Ambulance/Recue Companies, Police Departments,
and Emergency Management Coordinators located within the
Limerick EPZ

FROM: Timothy R. S. Campbell



SUBJECT: July 5, 1984 Meeting

At the meeting on July 5, 1984, at the Ridge Fire Company, I outlined for those present my estimate as to what would happen on July 25th. For those not in attendance during this meeting, I would like to review the matter for you. This estimate is based on Chester County's participation in the Radiological Emergency Plan drill for the Peach Bottom Power Station in 1982-1983, as well as observation of the Susquehanna and Beaver Valley Drills in 1982.

It is expected the drill will begin in the early hours of the morning of July 25th. With initial notification of the Unusual Event and Alert stages to the County Communications Center in the period prior to 1 P.M. It is expected that Site Emergency, and with it full activation of the County and municipal EOC's will occur sometime after 4:30 P.M. and that the exercise will terminate sometime after 9 P.M. This should allow for maximum participation by the volunteer personnel who make up the great bulk of the Emergency Service and Emergency Management personnel who would respond in the event of an emergency incident at the Limerick Generating Station.

In addition, the staff of all three counties involved in the Limerick Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) have made it clear to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Philadelphia Electric Company, as authors of the scenario, that maximum participation can only be guaranteed if the municipal EOC, and Fire, and Emergency personnel activation were to occur as late as possible during the day. Everyone realizes that in the case of a real emergency volunteers will leave work but it is not fair to expect them to lose time from work for a drill.



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As far as the amount of participation that will be needed on the 25th, it is expected that it will consist of activation of each of the municipal emergency operation centers, activation and dispatch of one route alerting team per fire district, activation and manning of one municipal traffic control/access control point, mobilization of sufficient personnel to carry out all route alerting and manning TCP's and ACP's, and the issuing of simulated dosimetry to all emergency workers at the municipal level. At the County level operations will include the manning of traffic control and access control points by the Pennsylvania State Police, activation of the County EOC, activation of one emergency worker decontamination station, activation of four reception centers, activation of two mass care centers, transportation of contaminated individuals to hospitals, activation of the siren and emergency broadcast systems, and the distribution of simulated dosimetry to the emergency worker stations and County response team. In addition, we are considering other items which will exercise various portions of the County Plan.

All of these actions will be observed by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. This is important because it is their report which will form the basis for any decisions that the exercise of the plans and the capability of implementing the plans has or has not been successful.

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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Timothy R. S. Campbell
Director

July 10, 1984

TO: All those who did not attend Ridge Fire Company on July 5, 1984

FROM: Timothy R. S. Campbell

Timothy R. S. Campbell

SUBJECT: Meeting Summary

For your information, I will attempt to summarize the meeting between Chester County Department of Emergency Services, the Philadelphia Electric Company, and the Fire, Ambulance/Rescue Companies, Police Departments of northern Chester County on July 5, 1984.

The Department of Emergency Services hosted the meeting, with the kind cooperation of Chief Linwood Kolb and the Ridge Fire Company, at the request of the Philadelphia Electric Company who wanted to present information about the July 25th drill and the participation in the drill by local emergency services organizations.

Mr. William McCormack of the Philadelphia Electric Company outlined that the Electric Company was prepared to do the following:

1. Make restitution for any damage suffered or equipment needing replacement as a result of the drill or actual response to emergency incidents. (Replacement of large dollar value items should include consultation with the Philadelphia Electric Company first.)
2. The warehousing or deliveries by rapid shipment of any unique equipment required for response to actual incidents.
3. Consider all fire, ambulance/rescue organization as being servicing companies to the Limerick Generating Station and asked that they include Philadelphia Electric Company on their fund drive mailings.
4. Provide reimbursement for incidental expenses involved in responding to emergencies or drills.
5. Purchase any specialized equipment needed for immediate missions such as route alerting. (This would include PA Systems and similar pieces of equipment.)

He then discussed the method by which organizations would get this information to the Electric Company. With our agreement, organizations can send either to the Electric Company direct or to Emergency Services which will pass them along to the Electric Company.

If you have any question about this, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Timothy R. S. Campbell
Director

July 20, 1984

To: The Mayor and President of Council of Spring City Borough and Phoenixville Borough, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of each township located within the Limerick Emergency Planning Zone.

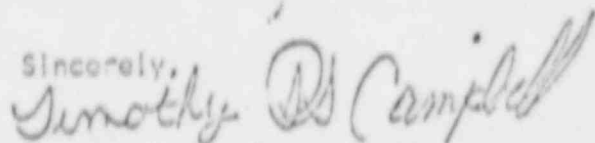
SUBJECT: Limerick

As you know, on July 25th, a drill of the radiological emergency response plans in the area surrounding the Limerick Generating Station of the Philadelphia Electric Company is scheduled to occur. Many municipalities are participating in the drill by activating their municipal emergency operations centers, dispatching route alerting teams, manning access control and traffic control points and mobilizing their emergency forces.

In Chester County, the activation of the County EOC will occur along with manning of reception centers, mass care centers, transportation staging area, the central resource receiving point, activation of the public alert siren system and activation of the emergency broadcast network. I am writing to inform you about this since you can expect that the sirens will be activated between 7:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. on the night of Wednesday July 25th. Since this is a test of the County public alerting system and emergency broadcast system, all sirens that have been installed so far in Chester County will be activated. This will be followed immediately by activation of the Emergency Broadcast System involving WCAU-AM Radio and WCCJ Radio. You can expect to hear a message concerning the drill over the Emergency Broadcast Stations.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Timothy R. S. Campbell
Director

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cc: All Police, Fire, Ambulance/Rescue Chiefs
and Emergency Management Coordinators located
within the Limerick EPZ



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Collegeville Seeks Insurance Protection From Nuclear Plant

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

A Collegeville resident last night asked Borough Council to look into insurance for homes that might be damaged by a nuclear accident at the Limerick power plant.

The resident, Walter Rockey of School st., said he learned that his homeowner's insurance policy does not cover such events.

"I have no coverage," Rockey said, "and I ask this board to do something for me."

The Council asked the borough solicitor to draw up a resolution urging area legislators to require either the state or the plant's owner, the Philadelphia Electric Co., to provide insurance for homeowners.

"We want PE to provide insurance for the borough," said Council President Joseph Hastings.

"If the PUC (Public Utility Commission) is going to put a plant on-line near Collegeville, they should provide insurance," he added.

"If they (PUC) are negligent, then PE will get stuck with the claim," commented Councilman Ike Pundt.

"At Three Mile Island, the utility company was responsible for the cleanup, but I don't know if they were responsible for the residents' homes,"

said solicitor Andrew Cantor.

The Council also voted to have a letter sent to nearby municipalities about their stand concerning the insurance.

In other business, the Council passed a resolution to oppose any legislation that would regulate cable television.

This action came in response to a letter from the state Association of Boroughs, which asked Collegeville to write to local congressmen opposing federal authority over regulation and franchising of cable television.

"The cable industry has been mounting a well-financed campaign to obtain passage of this legislation for over two years," the letter stated.

The Council also asked the Planning Commission to do a study on shared housing.

Borough secretary Phyllis V. Parsons said shared housing is when a home is shared by non-related families.

"The county is pushing shared housing," she said. "Some of the larger houses are too big for single people."

In addition, Council turned down a request for money from the county Federation of Historical Societies to pay for part of a \$35,000 printing charge for the history of the county's second hundred years.

"We're interested," said Councilman William Sarno, "but we just don't have the money."

Douglass board gets look at emergency plan

By FRANK WARNER
Mercury Staff Writer

The Douglass (Montgomery) Township supervisors said Monday night that while a Philadelphia Electric Co. consultant may have drawn up a draft nuclear accident evacuation plan for the township, they still have not seen it.

Phyllis Zitzer, president of the anti-nuclear Limerick Ecology Action, showed the supervisors a copy of the draft evacuation plan, which is required of every municipality within 10 miles of the Limerick plant.

Ms. Zitzer told the supervisors at their regular meeting that they should look at the plans soon, because the plans seem to commit township officials and emergency volunteers to specific duties during an evacuation.

Both the supervisors and Douglass Police Chief Fred Ziegler said they had not seen the plans. Ms. Zitzer said their situation was not unusual.

"We're finding little awareness of the contents of the plans," she said. "The supervisors are given a lot of authority (by the plans), but it just hasn't been fully discussed."

Separate evacuation plans for Douglass Township and 41 other municipalities in the Limerick area must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Administration before the Limerick plant can begin operations.

Energy Consultants Inc., a consulting group hired by PE, is drawing up the draft evacuation plans in an effort to make sure each municipality has some information to work with.

The Limerick plant is likely to begin loading nuclear fuel within the next 14 months for full operations planned to begin in 1985. A test of area warning sirens is scheduled

NEWS FROM THE Boyertown Area

July 25.

Before the Limerick plant begins operations, Ms. Zitzer said, the state and federal governments will be asking the townships and boroughs surrounding the plant to approve the evacuation plans.

She told the Douglass Township supervisors they should consider the financial and legal obligations their township might be accepting by approving the plans.

In a related matter, Douglass supervisor Rocco Cotellese complained that the Montgomery County Commissioners last week picked a man with no civil defense background to replace county emergency planning director Sam Ely, who recently died.

The new county emergency planning director is A. Lindley Bigelow, who ran a personnel agency 13 years. He will be paid \$23,000 a year for his new county work.

"It was a very quiet appointment," said Cotellese. "He has no background at all in communications or civil defense." Cotellese noted that Ely's assistant was not even considered for the top emergency planning post.

In other business Monday night, the Douglass supervisors:

- Refused to approve a plan for a new Boyertown Landfill leachate treatment plant until the plan shows more clearly where the new building would be. The plant would clean up the polluted water that seeps out of the landfill before the water is sent as waste to the municipal sewer system.

- Sent the DER yet another letter opposing a 60-acre expansion of the Boyertown Landfill.

- Voiced their opposition to the Rax Roast Beef proposal to build a solarium onto its Gilbertville res-

taurant. The supervisors said the solarium would interfere with traffic. The township zoning hearing board has scheduled a hearing on the proposal for Jan. 24.

- Read a letter from Mary Etta Mest, Hoffmansville Road, Bechtelsville RD 1, complaining that geologists exploring for oil in the township had shaken her house Jan. 7 by setting off charges nearby.

- Heard Bob Lawrence, a spokesman for Lenfest Communications, withdraw a request for a 10-year franchise for Eastern Pennsylvania Cablevision, a cable television company recently purchased by Lenfest. Instead, Lawrence said, the company will operate with the existing franchise, which renews automatically each year.

- Approved a resolution including a tract at Swamp Pike and Oak Street in the local sewer district. The tract, owned by Gladys Braccaccio, now is eligible for sewer connections to 32 apartments.

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Limerick plan makes no provision for people

Green Lane sets date for 'evacuation' workshop

BY GAIL ROHLAND
Staff Writer

Green Lane Council members have decided to hold a special workshop meeting to draw up a list of concerns about the proposed emergency evacuation plan for the Limerick nuclear power plant.

The meeting was set for Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

At the May 9 borough meeting, council members said they saw numerous deficiencies in Philadelphia Electric's latest draft of the evacuation plan.

Some of council's concerns were echoed by Marlborough Township Police Chief William Rupp who said, "The plan leaves a lot to be desired — I'm not terribly enthused about the traffic plan (for evacuating residents)."

Council member Barbara Brey said she was disturbed that the plan did not pay attention to human needs in case of an evacuation.

"What's hit me in spades is they've taken into consideration all these nitty gritty details with regard to things but have not considered the people," Brey said, adding, "No where in these plans have I seen reference to anything that deals with people."

Green Lane Mayor John Balmer said he wants to know how elderly residents, who may not have their own cars, would be transported from the borough if it were necessary to evacuate the borough.

"What happens when I get to someone's house who is elderly and doesn't have a car — are they going to have a bus for them?" Balmer asked.

Brey also questioned what would be done to help evacuate residents in poor weather conditions.

"What if we have to evacuate people in a blizzard? — in 90 degree heat? — weather conditions are a factor," Brey said.

"What we want from PE is more concern," she said.

And council member Lillian Hess questioned the idea that the plan puts so much responsibility on borough officials to evacuate residents.

"It does worry me that they (PE) want us to put ourselves in jeopardy," she said.

Brey also questioned what would be done about family pets if the area

would have to be evacuated.

"In the event that we would have to evacuate for Limerick who would protect these properties?" Brey asked.

"If we went and left them they would form packs," she said.

PE has said it wants to start commercial operation of the plant in April 1985 and begin testing the plant later this year. Reactor rods were delivered to the plant in March, but PE cannot begin operations until it is licensed to do so.

"They're ready to start up and they really don't have a decontamination plan," Hess said about the plant.

Hess said she wondered, too, why Green Lane residents would be evacuated to more densely populated areas like Lansdale and Souderton.

Council agreed that it should draw up a list of concerns to submit to PE.

"The pressure's going to come to get this finalized — I think we should get our concerns down in writing," council president Richard Tyler said.

In other business, the board said it would consider the possibility of codifying and updating its ordinances.

Brey raised the issue of updating borough ordinances and suggested that something should be done to determine which ones still apply to today's problems.

"Times are changing and we're still operating under the ordinances we had 20 or 30 years ago," Brey said.

She added that, "We're in a transitional phase from what we knew 20 years ago — we might consider looking into our ordinances and bringing them up to date."

But borough solicitor Leslie Gerhart said he thinks that a bigger problem is a lack of understanding of the ordinance by the people who enforce it.

"Basically, I don't have any great problem with the (borough) zoning ordinance," Gerhart said.

Gerhart agreed that it is a good idea to consider codifying borough ordinances because then every ordinance could be found in one book. But, he said, it's not cheap to have this done.

"I think it's a good idea to look at the ordinances but I don't think the ordinances are so archaic," he said.
"Let's tackle the evacuation plan, then we can begin looking at the ordinances," Tyler said.

Lower Frederick Residents Criticize

By EILEEN A. McCAFFREY
Of The Times Herald

Several Lower Frederick Township residents at last night's supervisors' meeting criticized the proposed evacuation plans in case of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

Karen Nostadt, president of St. Mary's School Home and School Association, said the school district plan does not explain issues such as who will supply buses, food or supervision to the school's students, who could be transported out of the 10-mile radius around the plant to Corpus Christi School in Lansdale in case of an emergency at the nuclear power plant.

The township's plan has the same type of problems, she said.

After the meeting, Mrs. Nostadt said she learned last week through a copy of an October 1983 letter from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to Montgomery County's emergency management agency, that private schools come under the evacuation plans for the public school districts in which they are located.

Perkiomen Valley School District, in which St. Mary's is located, has already approved its evacuation plan.

She said she was under the impression that St. Mary's would have its own plan.

"They're asking all the townships to adopt their plans and then they'll adopt the county plan," which will tell who will supply items such as buses and food, one resident said. "I think it should be the other way around."

After residents requested public hearings on the plan, board chairman Harold Caswell Sr. said the document would not be approved without a public meeting.

"I share your concern," he told residents.

Philadelphia Electric Co., which is building the plant, must develop evacuation plans to receive permission from federal and state governments to put the plant on line.

In other business, Caswell said that if the trustee for Lower Frederick Water Co., a private firm, continues to pay Schwenksville Borough for the water it buys, the borough probably will not stop selling water to the local company.

At the request of the township, Montgomery County Judge Samuel Salus 2d on Jan. 19 ordered that the 1980 injunction ordering Schwenksville to sell water to the company be lifted on Thursday at 10 a.m. unless someone asks Salus or another judge to continue the injunction.

Township Solicitor James A. Cunningham after the meeting declined to comment on whether the township plans to make such a request.

Nuke Evacuation Plan

The 1980 injunction was issued because Schwenksville threatened to stop selling water to the company because the borough had not been paid for the water for almost two years.

The firm filed for bankruptcy late last year, and is now in the hands of a trustee appointed by federal bankruptcy court.

It owes the borough about \$37,000 in debts accumulated before 1980, Schwenksville Borough Council President Elizabeth M. Shellenberger said in a telephone interview after the meeting.

"As long as we (the borough) continue to get paid, I don't see why there would be any talk of shutting the water off," she said.

Residents could start receiving cable television by April.

The township hopes to sign a franchise agreement with the Suburban Cable Television Co. by the end of next month, Caswell said.

Under the tentative agreement, cable will be supplied to areas with 50 homes per mile, he said.

Areas with less than 50 homes per mile could receive cable if at least 25 residents per mile who are willing to purchase cable for one year petition the township to obtain the service.

If less than 25 homes per mile in those areas want the service for one year, residents could obtain cable by paying a rate that would give the cable company the return it would receive from areas with 50 homes per mile, he said.

Supervisor Joseph Maiello said that some residents have signed leases with North Central Oil Co. allowing the firm to explore their properties for oil and natural gas.

He said he attended a seminar on oil and gas leases sponsored by Montgomery County Planning Commission at which it was stated that property owners should be cautious in signing such leases because they are heavily weighted in favor of the oil companies.

For example, he said contracts are often written so that firms could excavate the ground, then leave the area without cleaning it up.

Some exploration, but no ground-breaking, has taken place, Maiello said after the meeting.

Park board chairman Bruce MacBain said this year is the 200th anniversary of the founding of Frederick Township, which contained Lower and Upper Frederick Townships.

Glenn Kulp was named to the Planning Commission, and Joseph Grass was appointed to the Park Board.

Siren Song

Times Herald, March 7, 1984

Nuke-Alert Signals Concern Perkiomen . . .

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

A Perkiomen Township resident last night expressed concern about the noise from sirens set up to warn of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

Monthly practice drills are planned to train people to turn on their radios in the the event of a nuclear accident.

"You must find out where these sirens will be placed," John Marschall of Bridge road, Birchwood, told the Perkiomen Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting.

"I've heard that in other communities they (the sirens) have been placed close to peoples' homes," he added.

The board agreed to write a letter to the Philadelphia Electric Co., owner of the plant, asking where the sirens will be located.

"They (PE) probably plan to install the sirens on their own property next to the Township Building," commented Chairman Richard Kratz.

Supervisor David M. Myers then questioned: "What good are they (the sirens) going to do anyway? If fire departments in our county are saying that they aren't going to participate in the evacuation plans, what good are they (the plans)?"

Some volunteer firemen have said they will not assist evacuation efforts if there is danger

of exposure to radiation.

The sirens will go up whether the firemen participate or not, Marschall said.

"The first time those sirens go off, there will be a mass panic," said Supervisor Van H. Lyon.

Perkiomen Valley school board member Bruce MacBain then informed the township that the school district has begun instructing bus drivers how to evacuate students from the schools to a meeting place in Lansdale.

"There is no way that my kid would stay here and wait for the buses," said Supervisor Claire S. Olson.

"I think the evacuation plans are paper plans," she continued. "If the plant leaked, everyone would panic."

"Can you imagine trying to get out of here with buses of inmates (from the state Correctional Institute at Graterford in Skippack Township) in front of you and in back of you?"

"I don't want my kids going to Lansdale, while I'm at home," commented resident Faye Heidle of Wartman road. "If we're going to go (die), we're going to do it together."

In other business, the supervisors voted 3 to 2 in favor of obtaining bids to install a blinking light at the intersection of Route 73 and Haldeman road.

Board members Mrs. Olson, George E. Dresing and Chairman Kratz voted in favor of the motion. Members Lyon and Myers voted against it.

. . . and Lower Frederick Plans Public Meeting

By EILEEN A. McCAFFREY
Of The Times Herald

The Philadelphia Electric Co. has notified Lower Frederick Township that it intends to install early-warning sirens in the township to be used in case of an accident at PE's nuclear power plant in Limerick.

The company did not say where the sirens would be located or when it plans to start erecting them, said township solicitor James Cunningham said at last night's meeting of the

township supervisors.

Harold Caswell Sr., chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said that the township would hold a meeting to inform residents about PE's plans when officials learn more about them.

Cunningham said that some municipalities have opposed PE's plans, arguing that the sirens represent a commercial structure that cannot be placed

in all zoning districts.

"I tend to agree with that," he said, but added that he was not sure if the approach would stand up in court.

In other business, township engineer John Berger said that he examined areas last month where the township is tentatively planning to build sewers.

L. Providence Balks at Test Of Evacuation

By TAD BROOKS
Of The Times Herald

Lower Providence Township will not participate in the July 25 test of emergency evacuation plans for the Limerick nuclear power plant, Supervisor Chairman Richard T. Brown announced at last night's board meeting.

"We have no idea what's going to happen or what we're supposed to do," he said. "As far as the board's concerned, we're not prepared to participate in any of them."

The board decided to send a letter to the Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE), owners of the Limerick plant, and to the Chairman of the Montgomery County Commissioners Paul B. Bartle stating that the township will not participate in the test drill.

The drill is required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to measure how power plant employees and county and municipal planners respond to a simulated nuclear accident at the plant.

An NRC licensing board will consider the results of the Limerick test before deciding whether to grant PE a full power license for Limerick Unit 1.

Brown said the board will take no action on the plans until Energy Consultants Inc. addresses the issues raised by 11 township residents at a public hearing the board conducted on April 25. Among the concerns expressed were how likely residents were to panic and whether

evacuation personnel would respond to their assigned posts rather than attend to the needs of their own families.

Energy Consultants Inc., of Harrisburg, has been hired by PE to draw up plans for evacuating townships within a 10-mile radius of the nuclear plant. Energy Consultants planner Ronald L. Deck fielded questions from the residents at the public hearing.

"Mr. Deck said he would come up with some answers, but we're still waiting for him," Brown said.

"We can't have another hearing until Mr. Deck gets back to us," he said, adding that the township has received transcripts of the meeting.

In addition, Brown said, Lower Providence can not participate in the Limerick test drill because PE has yet to install the two telephone lines to be used by newly elected township emergency management coordinator and township police chief Thomas Rogers.

"We don't have the phones, which they said we'd have — they were going to pay for them and pay for their maintenance," Brown said.

PE has offered \$6,000 worth of emergency equipment to townships within 10 miles of Limerick. Emergency personnel will use the equipment, which includes telephones, portable electric generators and office supplies, to implement the evacuation plans.

Robert Adam said township residents who are forming a citizens' committee to review the evacuation plans have not had time to hold a formal meeting and that the committee is not prepared to participate in the test drill.

Adam pointed out that the citizens' committee appointed by the Methacton School Board to review evacuation plans for the school district will announce the results of their findings in September.

"We don't think we're prepared to participate," he said.

Skippack Township resident Ronald Munroe encouraged the board to write a letter to Chairman of the Montgomery County Commissioners Paul B. Bartle stating the supervisors' refusal to participate in the evacuation drill.

Munroe is a co-chairman of the Skippack Citizens' Committee, a residents' group formed to disseminate information concerning the Limerick evacuation plans.

"By your not saying anything, it's going to be assumed that you're going to participate in the plan," he said.

Munroe said sending the letter to Bartle would indicate the township's position on the evacuation plans.

"At the last commissioners' meeting, Bartle said that he had not received any information from any of the townships saying they would not participate," Munroe said.

Contacted this morning about his views on evacuation plans, Bartle reiterated a position he said he has announced at previous commissioners' meetings. "I have little faith in any evacuation plans when it comes to a major disaster," the commissioner said. But as a county official, he added, "If the Limerick plant is built...it's our responsibility as emergency management to coordinate with local municipalities the handling of major and minor disasters and we will carry out our responsibility."

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L. Providence Balks at Testing Of Evacuation

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At last night's meeting, Munroe also pointed out that PE will no longer refer to the evacuation plans as "drafts" after the July 25 drill.

The supervisors are currently reviewing draft number five of the evacuation plans.

Quoting a PE-sponsored advertisement concerning the test drill published in area newspapers, Munroe said: "The plans remain in draft form with necessary revisions made regularly until the emergency exercise of Limerick scheduled for July 25."

"If you participate, you're agreeing with the plans," Munroe said.

A smaller test drill among municipalities designated by the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness has been scheduled for this evening and tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

Upper Pottsgrove, Collegeville, Green Lane and Marlborough will participate in this evening's drill. Upper and Lower Salford, Upper Providence, Perkiomen and Royersford will take part in tomorrow's drill.

Lower Providence supervisors chairman Richard T. Brown said the township was asked but had refused to participate in this evening's drill.

"Everything is very vague at this point as to who's having what drill," he said. "We're not prepared to take part (in the smaller drill) because we know nothing about it."

Contacted this morning, Timothy F. Hasson, training coordinator of the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness, said he had no conversation with Brown but that he had spoken to former township manager Andrew Pheiff about the drill. Pheiff has since resigned.

Hasson said most of the municipalities contacted about the drill were sent form letters.

ATTACHMENT #4

Graterford Prison Evacuation Concerns Supervisors

Perkiomen Board Balks on Limerick Emergency Plans

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

The Perkiomen Township Board of Supervisors last night balked on endorsing the latest draft of the evacuation plans in the event of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

The final draft of the evacuation plans will be given to municipalities living within a 10-mile radius of the plant for approval in July, and a practice evacuation drill is slated for July 25.

The owner of the plant, Philadelphia Electric Co., has hired Energy Consultants to work on the plans with municipalities including Limerick, Skippack, Perkiomen, Lower Frederick,

Lower and Upper Providence townships as well as the boroughs of Trappe, Schwenksville and Collegetown.

The supervisors expressed concern about evacuating 2,955 inmates from the State Correctional Institute at Graterford in Skippack, which is east of Perkiomen.

"I share the same feelings as Skippack," Supervisor Claire S. Olson declared. "Those prisoners are going to be driven down Route 29 right through our township."

On March 14, the Skippack supervisors refused to draw up the evacuation plans, unless they are told about the plans for evacuating the inmates.

"As an elected official," Mrs.

Olson said, "I can not sign my name to these plans. I can't see how any of the municipalities could sign their names considering the responsibilities the plans require of them."

She then expressed reservations on the following responsibilities of the municipalities called for by the plans:

- Providing an emergency operations center with a qualified person to coordinate the center and training volunteers to work in it.

- Supplementing the public alert system with the county.

- Providing municipal security of the area if evacuation has occurred.

- Providing fire and rescue if the area has been evacuated.

- Ensuring that traffic is controlled.

- Maintaining a list of invalids and handicapped persons and providing special needs for them including transportation.

Mrs. Olson also said that municipalities are responsible for updating the plans.

"I find these tasks impossible," Mrs. Olson said. "Before any action is taken on the plans, all of the residents should receive copies of them."

"You're not going to get enough volunteers to work," resident Dorothy Owad, of Rahns, said.

"Did you (the board) get any applications for the sirens? They're going way above zoning regulations," she continued.

Resident Raymond Russo then suggested that the township file a suit against PE for installing the 55-foot sirens to warn residents of an emergency.

"It's illegal. In Chester County they filed a suit," Russo said.

Mrs. Olson went on to say that a law may be passed requiring the state to reimburse the municipalities for costs involved in evacuation plans.

Board Chairman Richard Kratz then asked the 24 residents at last night's meeting to write letters to Harrisburg opposing the spending of their tax dollars on the plans.

"This township is not going to pay a dime for them (the plans)," Walker said.

"I read that if we don't sign the evacuation plans, it means the plant can't go on-line. Is that true?" questioned Supervisor George Dressing.

"I'm not sure. But if it is, that means we have more muscle than I thought," Kratz replied.

"That power plant is the stupidest thing I ever saw. It should be used for a landfill," said resident Harry Norton.

Schwenksville Item

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PE Plans Get Loud Refusal In Perkiomen

Perkiomen Township supervisors, with the vocal support of some 20 residents present at the board's April meeting Tuesday night in the Perkiomen Valley High School, said that the township would not bow down to Philadelphia Electric Company and approve the Perkiomen Township Radiological Emergency Response Plan submitted by the utility's consultant.

"Perkiomen Township will not pay one dime for this plan" board chairman Dick Kratz said.

Each supervisor spoke against the emergency evacuation proceedings and were joined by the residents.

The board had proceeded through a routine agenda and asked for comments from board members and residents when the displeasure with the emergency plan erupted.

Objections were raised to the township doing the work on the plan at taxpayers cost when it was for the benefit of the utility, the high cost and problem of finding and training people to comply with the plan, and the utility trying to force the plan on the township.

Another problem was the nearness of the state correctional institution across the Perkiomen Creek in Skippack Township.

The supervisors expressed concern that some of the prisoners would be transported through Perkiomen Township and the residents fears were voiced by Mike Konoza who said "There are 2500 Mau Maus over there on the hill, how are they going to get transportation for them."

Supervisor Claire Olson pointed out that the present plan the supervisors had was the fifth draft of the evacuation plans and that the supervisors would have to be responsible for continuous updating of the plan. She said it would cost far more than the township could afford.

Supervisor Dave Myers said that he was afraid that the evacuation plan would be useless, that in a time of crisis it would be everybody for themselves.

Township fire chief John Moran said after the meeting that his firemen had a long meeting with state emergency officials the night before and that the firemen were being asked to do an awful lot for Philadelphia Electric's benefit.

It was a certainty that Perkiomen Township had joined its neighboring Skippack Township in definite opposition to

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Perkiomen Objects

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acceptance of the emergency evacuation plans.

Perkiomen's objections may be even stronger since they have expressed a flat 'no' while Skippack is still trying to find some answers from state officials on the problem of evacuating the prison.

Perkiomen: PE Forgot Agreement

By DAN KELLY ^{7/15/84}
Of The Times Herald

The Philadelphia Electric Company (PE) has reneged on its promise to "do the shopping" for support equipment for local Emergency Management Agencies.

And the Perkiomen Township supervisors aren't at all pleased about it.

At a meeting Tuesday night, Supervisor Claire Olson said, "I'm not particularly anxious to put up any front money for PE. They just don't want to do the shopping and I don't think we should have to do it for them."

Chairman Richard Kratz said he agreed with Mrs. Olson and said the supervisors should get an agreement in writing from PE before any purchases of emergency support equipment are made.

"I was under the impression that all we had to do was tell them what we wanted and they would pick it up for us," Kratz said.

This action came after Perkiomen Township Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph McMahan said the Bell Telephone Company would not bill PE for two emergency system phone lines installed on June 19 in the township office.

McMahon told the supervisors that Bell said it would not do "third party billing." He said Bell spokesmen told him the township would have to pay the phone installation bill and forward the bill to PE.

But the problem goes beyond the \$358 phone bill the township has received.

McMahon said PE told the supervisors at a special meeting May 9 that "all we had to do was make a list of the equipment we would need and they would get everything for us."

"Now they're saying that we have to go out and buy everything and send them the bill," he said.

When questioned by Supervisor David Myers, McMahon said he did not receive anything in writing from PE stating that the company would pay the bills for the emergency equipment.

In a letter from PE vice president in charge of nuclear power V.S. Boyer dated April 23, 1984, Boyer said "...we are pleased to provide you support to obtain such (emergency support) equipment."

In a press release attached to Boyer's letter PE said: "The company (PE) is prepared to provide \$5,000 worth of equipment from the attached list to each municipality on an as-needed basis. We therefore asked that each municipality identify its needed equipment and the company will arrange to have it delivered."

"Tell them we're not going to do it (purchase the equipment) and tell them they had better pay that phone bill," Mrs. Olson said to McMahon.

McMahon said that he planned to go to a Philadelphia Electric Co. office in Plymouth Meeting following the Fourth of July holiday to submit the bill to PE personally.

"Tell them (PE) to put it in writing that they will pay for anything we purchase and we'll take it from there," Kratz advised. "Tell them we want it from someone in authority."

"Yes, someone who is authorized to sign checks," Mrs. Olson added.

After the supervisors' meeting Kratz said he felt the township would "do the shopping" since it appears to be a "one shot deal."

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Firemen ask questions about evacuation plans

By PAMELA ROHLAND-KEELER

"If we can combat all of the problems caused by an accident at the Limerick power plant just in the Borough of Royersford, we'll be lucky," Humane Fire Co. Captain Robert DeAngelo told his crew at a special meeting Monday night.

DeAngelo, who also serves as emergency management coordinator for the borough, invited Tim Hasson, a training coordinator from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness, and two senior planners for Energy Consultants, Inc. (ECI) to participate in an informal question and answer session focusing on the role of firefighters during an evacuation of the 10-mile radius around the Limerick nuclear power plant.

"How many firemen do you honestly expect will stay to help out during an evacuation?" asked one man.

"We don't expect everyone to stay," replied Ronald Deck of ECI. "That is an individual decision. We learned from the accident at Three Mile Island that once people receive training and have an understanding of nuclear power, they are more likely to stick around. But right now, Limerick seems like a big, ugly monster."

Deck said firemen who stay will be expected to provide transportation for those who have no way of evacuating and to assist elderly and homebound individuals.

"We would also want firemen to take out their emergency vehicles and use the loud speaker to tell people to tune into an emergency broadcast station," he said.

Other firemen expressed concern that, should they stay behind to help during an evacuation, they would have difficulty being reunited with their families. Deck assured them that their families would be safely evacuated to a site other than a mass care center, probably Methacton High School, and could be met there later in the day.

Hasson added, "Don't forget - the emergency personnel gets to evacuate, too. It's just that we're the last to go."

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Firemen question

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Decker explained that firemen and other rescue teams would, in most cases, have an adequate amount of time to conduct an orderly evacuation. "Nuclear incidents are usually slowly escalating events that take place over a few days. You can see the problem coming down the road."

ECI planner Craig Conklin confirmed this, and mentioned that even if radioactive material was poured directly into the outside containment unit, it would take 12 to 14 hours to penetrate. "In that time you could walk from Limerick to outside the 10 mile radius," he said.

Following the meeting, DeAngelo said that Draft 5 of Royersford's emergency evacuation plan may be revealed to the public at council's next regular meeting 7 p.m. June 14 at Borough Hall. He also stressed that Humane Fire Co. will be prepped and ready for the scheduled evacuation drill July 25. "After all, it's in our own best interests," he remarked.

Safeguarding Against Nuclear Plant Accident

Schwenksville Drafts Evacuation Plan

By HOLLY HERMAN
Of The Times Herald

Schwenksville Borough Council decided last week to forward the fourth draft of its evacuation plan in case of a nuclear accident at the Limerick power plant to a federal agency for informal review.

Energy Consultants, Inc., the company hired by the Philadelphia Electric Co. to organize evacuation plans for municipalities within a 10-mile radius of the plant, will work on Draft 5 based on comments from the federal Emergency Management Agency's review.

"I anticipate that the plans will not be finalized until this time next year," said Robert Bradshaw, Limerick project coordinator for Energy Consultants in an interview Friday afternoon.

"A full-fledged drill is slated for the summer of 1984."

Evacuation plans must be approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Committee (NRC) before Unit 1 or 2 can go on-line at Limerick. However, fuel may be added to the plants before the approval.

"We still aren't satisfied with the plans," commented Bernard McCollum, civil defense director

of Schwenksville in an interview Friday afternoon.

"We're working on a shoe-string," he added. "The people are in a state of bewilderment."

McCollum said the borough has no money for radio-contact equipment, emergency street lighting, buses or ambulances.

"Montgomery County or Philadelphia Electric will probably pay for the borough's equipment," explained Borough Council President Elizabeth Shellenberger.

McCollum also said that no adequate evacuation plans have been provided for the needy or handicapped residents of the borough.

"We need more training sessions to come up with a plan that will work," he said.

McCollum also said that the Heidelberg United Church of Christ on Perkiomen av., which has been chosen as the meeting place for officials organizing an evacuation, is not adequate.

"This church is on the top of the hill," he said. "It's a part of the way for many of our residents."

Bradshaw said that all of the municipalities contacted so far have agreed to Draft 4 of the plan, with the understanding that plans are not completed.

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U. Frederick queries plan

By Virginia Rogovin
Times Correspondent

"Don't sign anything until you're sure it will work," a Marlborough township resident told the Upper Frederick board of supervisors last week.

Barry Friedman, a member of Del-Aware who has also worked with Limerick Ecology Action, addressed the board at the supervisors' regular monthly session January 12. The subject was the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) guidelines currently being prepared by Energy Consultants, Inc. for all municipalities located within a 10 mile radius of Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Limerick nuclear power plant.

According to Friedman, several municipalities have found deficiencies in the draft plans. He pointed out a statement in the text of the plan appears to place responsibility for its effectiveness solely on the board of supervisors.

"If you sign this plan," said Friedman, "PECO is off the hook."

Friedman submitted two reports critical of draft No. 3 of the RERP. One, a memo to the West Vincent board of supervisors, was signed by Martin D. Blumenthal for the West Vincent township citizens board. The second, unsigned, was titled "Comments on East Vincent Township Evacuation Plans for Limerick." Both reports, said Friedman, contained questions regarding police protection and traffic control, for example, and pointed out a lack of certain resources in these townships.

Friedman asked the board to consider holding public meetings to discuss the plan before approving it.

"We have to assume they are going to go on line," replied board Chairman Richard Buckman. As a supervisor, he said, he feels a responsibility to the residents of the

township to adopt an emergency plan.

According to Buckman, township officials are now studying the plan and will incorporate the RERP into an overall disaster plan for Upper Frederick. He said PECO has offered to assist municipalities which lack necessary resources to implement the plan, and Upper Frederick has requested a two-way radio and an additional telephone line from the utility. However, he added, "So far there has not been an overabundance of volunteers to help implement the plan."

One township resident joined with Friedman in urging the supervisors not to sign the plan "until you have confidence in it."

Buckman said the board would "explore the ramifications" of not signing the radiological emergency response plan. He noted also there is "a good possibility" the supervisors will hold a public meeting specifically to study the plan.

Finally, he told Friedman, "At least you have us thinking."

In other business last week, the Upper Frederick board of supervisors:

... set April 30 as the deadline for a Goezel Road resident to correct a zoning violation;

... directed the township solicitor to schedule a meeting of the board and representatives of Moland Development Co. to discuss the firm's current plans for a Faust Road building project;

... learned the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation approved a speed limit of 35 m.p.h. on Salford Station Road, and authorized the township roadmaster to erect appropriate signs when weather permits;

... adopted a resolution thanking former supervisor William Moyer for his dedicated service to the township.

Group Warns L.Providence Board On Limerick Evacuation Plans

By JIM AUSTIN
Of The Times Herald

The Lower Providence supervisors were told by representatives of a self-styled nuclear watchdog group last night that emergency evacuation plans for accidents at the Limerick nuclear power plant are unrealistic and make the township responsible for residents' safety.

The representatives urged the supervisors to take "great care" to see that the final evacuation plans are realistic and workable before approving them.

Municipalities within a 10-mile radius of the plant as well as

state and federal emergency planning agencies must approve the plans before the Philadelphia Electric Co. will be allowed to start commercial operation of the plant.

Bill Ward and Phyllis Zitzer of the Pottstown-based Limerick Ecology Action Group asked the supervisors if they intended to approve the plans soon, and if they had a deadline for adoption.

Chairman Richard Brown replied that the supervisors had not approved any plans and did not intend to soon because the plans are still being formulated.

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"We have no deadline merely because it's all still in the planning stage," Brown said. "We've had very little contact from anybody on this beyond the four drafts of the plans we've received."

Ms. Zitzer said she was pleased the board was carefully considering the plans and not intending to pass them.

"Many other municipalities are not even aware the plans exist," she said. "We've been quite surprised at how unaware the people affected are."

"I'm bothered by (the plans)," Supervisor Edmund Maloney said. "I'm concerned for our local policemen, and firemen and ambulances. . . I think we're going to be used as scapegoats."

Municipal police, fire and other emergency personnel are unprepared to handle a catastrophe on the scale of a complete evacuation, Maloney said.

Ms. Zitzer said the plans make the township responsible for evacuation but many townships are unprepared for such responsibility.

"I just wanted to make you aware there are lots of unmet needs which must be met by you," she said. "More than ever you are responsible for what happens to people in the township."

Among those needs are buses for transporting evacuees, ambulances and lists of volunteers in case of an accident, she said.

"Nobody really seems to know who is going to do what in case of an accident," she said. "It's more or less just left up to you."

Ms. Zitzer said she was also concerned that citizen input on the plans would be limited. She said federal officials have scheduled only one public hearing on the plans, to be held after a July 25 test of the plans.

Brown said the township in-

Evacuation plan discussed by Upper Frederick board

A radiological emergency evacuation plan to prepare for an emergency situation at the Limerick nuclear power plant was discussed Thursday night at a meeting of the Upper Frederick Township Board of Supervisors.

Barry Friedman, Marlborough Township, asked the board about their emergency evacuation plan for the township that they have been working on for the past year with a consulting firm from the Philadelphia Electric Co. Friedman noted that on page 8 of that plan is a stipulation that the supervisors will be responsible for the well-being of all township residents in the event of an evacuation caused by a power

plant emergency.

Supervisor Roland Hobson said that he felt the electric company should be held responsible for the well-being of the residents since they put the plant in Limerick in the first place.

The supervisors said no decision has been made about accepting or refusing the plan.

The board also passed a resolution commending William Moyer, a former supervisor who served from August, 1980, to December, 1983. Moyer was replaced on the board by Robert Wayland, who participated in his first meeting as supervisor Thursday night.

tends to hold several public hearings on the matter and called for the formation of a citizens' advisory council to work with the supervisors on the plans.

He also urged Ms. Zitzer and Ward to submit written comments about the plans to the board.

In other business, the supervisors adopted an ordinance regulating the use of kerosene heaters.

The law prohibits the use of the heaters in multi-family dwellings and inside storage of more than 10 gallons of fuel. Commercial operators of kerosene heaters must install grates over them.

The supervisors also approved advertising ordinances that would approve installing stop signs at several intersections on Wedgewood Way and Coldspring Crossing.



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Evacuation concerns aired in UP

By CAROL BALINSKI
Staff Writer

UPPER PROVIDENCE TWP. — An update on the township's evacuation plan for the Limerick nuclear power plant and the approval of a waiver for the Heritage Hills townhouse development headed the agenda at Monday's meeting of the Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors.

Jack Shutes, emergency management coordinator for the township, outlined the evacuation plan, which he said is not just for use in the event of a nuclear power accident but is also designed for other catastrophes, such as storms and floods.

George Waterman, township manager, cited several areas of concern about the plan, including the question of the township's insurance. He noted some insurance policies contain nuclear energy exclusion clauses, which may make insurance null and void in case of a nuclear evacuation.

He said agreements are also needed with towing services to keep the roads clear in case of an evacuation and added that more equipment is needed to set up an emergency operations center within the township. Philadelphia Electric Company recently agreed to provide townships within the 10-mile radius of the plant with some monies, probably \$5,000 each, toward
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establishing such centers, he said.

However, Waterman stated, "We have a long way to go before we can recommend that the board of supervisors adopts the plan."

SIREN SYSTEM

Shutes noted the siren warning system would be activated by the county in case of an accident at the Limerick plant. He stressed, however, that the sirens are not a signal for evacuation but rather are designed to alert residents to turn to their emergency broadcast radio station, KYW, 1060 AM.

In case of an evacuation, township police would function as traffic controllers and fire company members would alert residents in parks or outlying areas who might not have heard the sirens, Shutes said.

Shutes said a relocation point has not yet been determined for township residents or the township government.

Farmers, he said, would be allowed to return back to their farms following the evacuation but only if radiation exposure conditions were at an acceptable level.

The success of the evacuation plan depends largely on the willingness of volunteers, the supervisors noted.

"You can't count on volunteers," Virgil Templeton, chairman of the supervisors cautioned. He questioned whether the National Guard would be available to assist the township in case of a nuclear emergency, noting, "Who will protect our homes?"

Shutes said he did not know if the National Guard would be able to offer assistance.

No deadlines have been set for the completion of the township emergency plan, Waterman noted. However, a drill of the siren warning system has been scheduled for July 25.

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U. Salford gets plan briefing

Twp. needs emergency chief

By ROBERT GOODWIN
Reporter Correspondent

A consultant has recommended Upper Salford Township appoint an emergency management coordinator to be charged with notifying and evacuating residents there should a nuclear accident occur at PE's Limerick power plant.

The supervisors were told Tuesday night by the consultant and an official from the Montgomery County Office of Preparedness and Medical Services the coordinator is needed to take charge of a command center at the township building under provisions in the mandated area emergency evacuation plan being drafted.

According to William Dunlap of Energy Consultants of Harrisburg and Timothy F. Hasson, representing the county office, steps the township would have to take under the plan include selecting key people to man the command center, including alternates for those who might not be able to get there.

Also needed would be three telephones at the command center, a ham

radio operator with equipment and six two-way radios.

Should an emergency occur, the Upper Salford emergency coordinator would be notified by the county and would, in turn, alert township officials and staff personnel.

Once they reported to the command center during an "alert status," the coordinator and staff would test the communications system and notify Salford Hills Elementary School, the fire department, the Telford Diving Unit, Spring Mountain House and the Spring Mount Ski Resort that an alert was in effect.

Dunlap said if the alert were upgraded to a site emergency, the township would then be on the verge of full evacuation.

At that point, drivers and vehicles would be placed on standby to assist persons without their own transportation.

Upper Salford would supply two buses and an ambulance to evacuate 41 residents needing transportation, an

U. Salford gets briefing on plan

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ambulatory person, six other evacuees in need of special assistance, and five persons with impaired hearing who have been identified by the consultant.

During an emergency, state police would man traffic control points at the intersections of Rts. 63 and 563 and Rt. 63 and Shelly Rd.

If the situation went to the critical stage, Dunlap said, Upper Salford government would move its operations to Upper Perkiomen Senior High School. The emergency command

center would remain in the township.

Dunlap said the township would also receive support services from nearby municipalities that are outside the 10-mile radius of the Limerick plant.

Ambulances from Bucks, Lehigh and Berks counties, if needed, are also available, according to the plan.

Dunlap will meet again with township officials to demonstrate equipment, including that needed to detect radiation levels, for the command center.

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Upper Salford questions effectiveness of local plan

The Upper Salford Township emergency management coordinator says Philadelphia Electric Co. and the township "have a long way to go" before their Limerick nuclear plant emergency plans are complete.

Kenneth S. Hagey, an Upper Salford Township supervisor and emergency coordinator, said the township has not yet organized all the workers and equipment it would need in a nuclear emergency.

"PECO has just begun to scratch the surface of meeting the needs of

our community to effectuate this plan," said Hagey. "Speaking from a personal point of view, I will not support the adoption of any plan until all possible needs have been met, and that those needs are not met at the expense of the taxpayers of Upper Salford Township, but rather the stockholders of PECO."

But Hagey insisted the planning groundwork has been done by township officials, working with the PE-supplied Energy Consultants Inc. and with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Prepared-

ness.

He said emergency workers have gone through various phases of training during the past year. Earlier this year, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness recognized Hagey for his completion of Step I of the Basic Emergency Management Development Workshop and his commitment to developing a plan on behalf of the township.

"I would like to assure the residents of our township that the board of supervisors and its subordinate volunteer groups are giving 100 per-

cent of themselves to make sure that the emergency plan is one that is realistic and functional for all types of emergencies," Hagey said.

Local surveys indicate the Upper Salford Township would need three extra buses to evacuate visitors and others during a Limerick emergency. Hagey said the county will arrange to get Upper Salford the buses, and PE will pay for them.

Upper Salford Township has a population of 2,300. It is one of 43 municipalities — with a total population of 185,000 — within 10 miles of the Limerick nuclear plant.

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Skippack Fire Co. Votes Unanimously Not To Risk Radiation Exposure In Case Of Emergency At Limerick Power Plant

Skippack volunteer chief, Alfred S. Risell, advised the township supervisors at the regular township meeting Mar. 22, that the members of the fire co. would not participate in or accept the responsibilities for those parts of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan that would involve the risk of radiation exposure to firemen in case of an emergency at the Limerick nuclear plant.

Feb. 13 with 33 members unanimously voting not to participate in the plan.

Fire Chief Risell said a plan needs to be adopted to provide adequate fire-rescue, but not one that would risk exposure of radiation to volunteer firemen. "It is not a question of lack of courage, but a question of common sense," he said, chief Risell specifically objected to the assumption exposure. The equipment has not been tested and the consultants do not

know how safe it is.

A public meeting on Mar. 5 at 7:30 p.m. with the township supervisors and PE officials is scheduled to discuss Draft 4 of the Emergency Response plan.

In other business, township engineer, Robert Showalter, was asked to make a \$700 study on the drainage problems on Cresman Rd. across from the Skippack Recreation Club, where icy conditions have been a problem this winter. The study must be started immediately

to avoid the same problem next year advised supervisor Sarah Unruh.

Also, the board passed a resolution to appoint Robert Unruh, zoning officer and John Siegrist, constable as police officers to enforce the Pa. Dog Act which prohibits dogs from running loose. Dogs already captured by residents will be picked up and taken to the SPCA in Perkiomenville. Owners must pay costs to get their dogs back.

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Skippack Questions Plans For Limerick Evacuation

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

Four Skippack residents complained at a township supervisors' meeting last night that evacuation plans in case of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant are "vague and inadequate."

They asked the board to form a citizens' group to keep the public informed about the plan.

"After reading the plans over, I feel they need a lot more review," said resident Sandy Welsh. "They're sickening."

"I understand that the Perkiomen Valley School Board approved the plans. It seems to me that all of the children leaving the high school will go through Skippack Township and there will be police. We don't have police in Skippack. It's a sad situation."

Board Vice-Chairman Walter Huhn replied that "the plans have serious problems, and I'd like to make the people more aware of them."

Board member Michael Giamo said: "We've been left out and I

don't know why. Other townships have meetings to discuss the plans and we're not invited."

However, Giamo said that the board has met with officials from Philadelphia Electric Co. three times and has raised many questions.

"Our number-one concern is who will supervise the evacuation of the Graterford prisoners and where they will go," he said.

"PE told us the state police would do it, but if the state police does that, who will control the traffic?"

"We also raised questions such as who will evacuate the elderly and what do they plan do with animals. And they don't have answers to any of these questions," he said.

Resident Jane Kleba asked if the board is legally responsible for approving the plan.

"The board is not obligated to approve the plan," answered solicitor Alan Boroff.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a policy of non-discrimination for handicapped individuals.

Boroff explained that the federal government requires municipalities to pass this resolution to obtain federal revenue-sharing money.

Boroff said that the resolution concerns the visually and hearing impaired.

"You will eventually have to do a study to see if there is any difficulty to get to the township buildings," he said.

Open Letter To the Perkiomen Valley School Board and Skippack Township

PECo has evacuation plans for our schools, plans for our township and plans for our county. The question is, will they work? Is this merely an exercise on paper to guarantee Limerick Generating Station its license to fuel Unit 1 in the summer of 1984?

There are endless unanswered questions. Our homes and perhaps lives depend on honest answers to these vital questions.

Perkiomen Valley School District approved these plans this past November. Our two children attend Perkiomen Valley schools. We were not informed of these plans, invited to attend public meetings or advised in any way as to the safety of our children in the case of a radiological emergency at the Limerick Generating Station. We are shocked and are appealing to them to reverse such a decision until adequate plans are provided.

We urge you to call your schools, your townships, your County Commissioners. What will you do in the case of a radiological emergency? Where will you go? Will you ever be able to return?

We have read our Skippack Township plans. It is your right and responsibility to do the same. Skippack residents are proud of their Fire Company and Ambulance Service. They offer us dependable professional service unselfishly 365 days of the year. We question PECO's right to ask these people to contaminate their bodies and ours should a Three Mile Island happen here.

We are at this time asking Skippack Township to offer open forum meetings and not ratify any plan that won't realistically offer MAXIMUM protection to the community!

The following questions are just a few we intend to raise regarding our municipal plan, draft #4.

- At what level will we be warned?
- Will the township have a monitor to doublecheck PECO?
- Who will evacuate the prison?
- What type of security will be provided for the community during the evacuation?
- How much time do we have to evacuate before it is too late?
- When could you return home? Ever?
- Who will reimburse you for your losses?
- Who will pay for the training of volunteers?
- Who will purchase unmet needs?
- Who will pay for additional record keeping?
- Will an actual evacuation drill take place? If not, why not?
- What is the estimated cost of such a plan?
- When will the township make their decision?
- WITHOUT REALISTIC ANSWERS THESE PLANS ARE WORTHLESS! ARE YOU PROTECTED?

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Skippack Firemen Say No to Nuclear Evacuation Plan

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

Skippack volunteer firemen last night put the township on notice that they will not participate in a nuclear-evacuation plan if they may be exposed to radiation.

"Our firemen should not have to expose themselves to radiation," Fire Chief Alfred S. Risell told the township supervisors at their regular meeting in discussing emergency plans in case of an accident at the Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Limerick power plant.

At a meeting on Feb. 13, the fire company voted 33 to 0 not to participate, Risell said.

Sixteen firemen jammed into the township Municipal Building last night to back the chief as he

told the supervisors:

"We're just being up-front and telling you now not to expect anyone from the fire company to participate if radiation exposure is involved.

"I feel that this action of not participating is not a question of lack of courage, but a question of common sense. We spend enough time at the prison to drain anyone's courage."

Draft 4 of the emergency evacuation plans have been presented to the supervisors by Energy Consultants Inc., a firm hired by PE, but have not been acted on.

The draft calls for using the firemen to provide security, adequate fire-rescue emergency coverage, alerting the population to evacuation routes, distributing meters to register radiation exposure levels and giving out protective drugs.

"We specifically object to the part of the plans that says our gear and air packs are fine for radiation exposure," Risell said. "They (the consultants) do not know. It (the gear) hasn't been tested.

"We feel the plan has a lot to be desired. It's an exercise on paper."

Risell said that he will ask other fire companies to check if their firemen would want to participate in an evacuation if radiation exposure is involved.

The supervisors have scheduled a public meeting with PE officials at 7:30 p.m. on March 5 to discuss Draft 4.

"I think that what the fire chief said here tonight will generate a lot of discussion among

other local volunteer firemen," commented Supervisor Michael Giamo after the meeting.

In other business, the supervisors passed a resolution to appoint zoning officer Robert Unruh and Constable John Siegrist as police officers to enforce the state dog laws.

They are responsible for picking up stray dogs that have already been captured by residents and taking the dogs to the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Perkiomenville.

The supervisors asked the township engineer to do a \$700 study on the drainage problems on Cressman road.

"This (the study) is a high priority. It must be done immediately," commented Supervisor Sarah Unruh.

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Evacuation Plan for Graterford Inmates Confidential, Board Told

Skippack Officials Slam Limerick Emergency Plans

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

The Skippack supervisors last night balked at endorsing a township nuclear-evacuation plan unless they find out what is going to be done with the 2,300 inmates at the State Correctional Institute at Graterford, which is within the township.

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For more than two hours, the supervisors and about 10 residents argued with Deck and other officials involved in the evacuation plans, mostly about how the prisoners will be handled and why the township must provide a plan for its residents.

The meeting was called to determine the local resources needed for an emergency operation center in Skippack, Deck said.

"What you're saying is nothing," Supervisor Michael Giamo told Deck. "Before we draw up a plan for Skippack Township, we must find out what routes the prisoners are taking."

"Half of our population is Graterford prisoners, and you're telling us we're not

suppose to know about the evacuation plans for them," said Supervisor Chairman Caesar Gorski. "It's a big mystery. Where are they (the prisoners) all going?"

The township has not yet taken action on Draft 4 of the emergency evacuation plans it has received from Energy Consultants.

"I'm so apprehensive about the evacuation plans. You men have to come up with something specific regarding the prisoners," Giamo said.

"In the plans," Giamo continued, "you allude to state police being responsible for prisoners. You mean to tell me they (the state police) are going to take care of the prisoners and the traffic?"

"We have lost our faith in the state. We have raw sewage prison polluting our (Skippack Township's) tributaries and the state does nothing," Giamo declared.

The state police have given written assurance that they will participate in regulating traffic, Deck said.

He went on to say that the evacuation plans can be used for all types of emergencies — not only in the event of an accident at Limerick.

Gorski then questioned: "What are the penalties if we (the township) don't make a plan at all? We very well might opt to make no plan."

"It's Skippack Township's responsibility to come up with a plan for its community," said A. Lindley Bigelow, county coordinator for Emergency Preparedness.

"If you don't, you're not living up to your responsibility to serve the community," he added.

"What you're saying is not true. Skippack is not responsible for a plan, unless the Clear plant is licensed," said Jane Kleba of Montgomery Ave, Schwenksville.

"It (the power plant) is threat to society and it won't be licensed," she added.

"We are here to assist you if it does get licensed," Deck responded.

State law requires municipalities to make plans to protect residents during emergencies, Timothy Hasson, training coordinator for county Office of Emergency Preparedness, said after the meeting.

Hasson said that last night was the first time the county has heard that Skippack supervisors were averse to the evacuation plans.

"Haven't you been reading the media?" Giamo questioned.

"There were articles in the papers which stated that Skippack firemen would not participate in the evacuation plans if radiation exposure is involved," he added.

"We don't rely on the media for our information," Hasson replied.

Deck commented: "We can pass their (the firemen's) responsibility on to the county."

Deck explained that the evacuation plans call for having the county back-up the municipalities and the state backing the county.

"Have you taken into consideration that 70 buses are needed for the prison? Who is going to provide buses for our schools and for Ursinus College?" asked resident Andrew Welsh.

After the meeting, a reporter asked Gorski if the supervisors planned to ask the consultants to come back to discuss evacuation plans.

"At this point, I don't know," he answered. "We must discuss this at a work session to determine whether or not we are going to do nothing with them or to cooperate 100 percent."

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Skippack, state duel over prison in nuke emergency

By CHARLEY HANNAGAN
Reporter Staff Writer

The Skippack Township supervisors are refusing to adopt a nuclear emergency evacuation plan until the state issues its plans for the evacuation of Graterford prison.

The supervisors met Monday night to thrash out the fourth draft of the township's plans with representatives from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness and consultants hired to devise emergency plans for Philadelphia Electric Co.

The utility is working to establish evacuation plans required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for communities located within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick nuclear power plant. A test of the emergency system will be held on July 25.

"We're not accepting their evacuation plan because we do not know how 2,400 prisoners are going to be evacuated," supervisor Michael Giamo said Wednesday morning. The Graterford prison is located within the township.

Supervisor chairman Caesar Gorski said he did not have enough information to make a decision on the evacuation plan. The chairman said he was cautious about accepting the proposed plans.

"No one's had to evacuate this area since the British were in Philadelphia," said Gorski, referring to the American Revolution.

At Monday's meeting both the supervisors and the planners guessed that buses would transport prisoners out of the area, he said.

The private and county planners told the supervisors they would question the state about its plans and return later with more details, said A. Lindely Bigelow, county emergency preparedness coordinator.

A spokeswoman for the state bureau of corrections, Judy Smith, said the bureau is developing an evacuation plan for the prison. The bureau has until June to develop the plan, she said.

Smith said the department has not decided whether to make the plans public. If the route were known, there is a possibility that as the prisoners were evacuated from the prison, accomplices could help them escape, she explained.

But that leaves a major portion of the township's plan up in the air.

"We have to devise a plan to fit in with the state's plan," said Giamo. "Suppose we choose the same route the state

chooses for the prisoners. It could be bedlam."

Giamo questioned whether the 344 guards at the prison, possibly assisted by Limerick state police, could handle such a large contingent of prisoners, when there have been so many inmate escapes in recent weeks.

Current evacuation plans call for Skippack residents to use Rt. 73 to "gravitate" toward the Montgomeryville Mall, a designated reception center.

The supervisor said he considers the township a "maverick" municipality for not accepting the plans as they were presented by Energy Consultants of Harrisburg.

Energy Consultant trainer-planner Ronald Deck said municipalities do not have to adopt the evacuation plans offered by PE. But they are mandated by state law to have viable plans for any manmade or natural emergency. He said the utility is only assisting municipalities in putting together such a plan.

Skippack "has some legitimate concerns that will have to be resolved," Deck said. Work sessions between the two groups should solve those anxieties, he said. No other sessions have been scheduled so far.

Once the board is informed about the plan, then communication can be established between the supervisors and the planners and a viable plan can then be worked out, Deck said.

Deck said none of the other municipalities in the two counties located within a 10-mile radius of the plan have protested as much as Skippack. But none of the municipalities have adopted an evacuation plan either, he said.

The Skippack board is not the only township group to decide not to participate in the evacuation plans.

Skippack firemen voted 33-0 not to participate in those parts of the plan that deal with the risk of radiation exposure to firemen, including, but not limited to, general and onsite emergencies, said fire chief Al Risell.

The board was notified by letter that the firefighters would not participate.

"If there is a risk of radiation exposure, we're not going to go out and stand on the corner directing traffic," he said.

Giamo praised the firemen for their stance. "The firemen have been very bold. I'm not critical of them at all," he said.

All the planners involved said they have never been formally told that the firemen do not plan to participate.

If there were such an emergency, plans do not call for the firefighters to be so exposed, Bigelow said.

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A rainy, blustery night was no deterrent to 35 Skippack residents as they filled into the township meeting last Wednesday.

The residents came to the meeting in response to a flyer that appeared to come from Township Chairman, Caesar Gorski, but in fact was distributed by a group of local residents. The flyer said evacuation plans would be discussed at the March 28 meeting.

It was ironic that this meeting was held on the fifth anniversary of the worst commercial nuclear accident, Three Mile Island, in history.

Resident Sandy Welsh told the board that she had information that an evacuation plan had already been sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for approval.

"This is not true," said Acting Chairman, Walter Huhn. "The board has submitted no such plan. No plan is official until the municipality has adopted it and we will not accept any evacuation plan without the complete knowledge of the public."

Among other false information was that PE has announced a date to move fuel rods into Limerick. It was pointed out by Chairman Huhn, that PE needs a license to move in fuel rods and the area in a 10-mile radius have an evacuation plan before they (PE) can get that license.

Supervisor Michael Giamo read a letter from Acting Correction Commissioner, Glen Jeffes, in response to a survey being conducted by the township in regards to an evacuation plan. The response said nothing only that the prison evacuation plan is confidential. The board agrees that without the knowledge of the prison plan, Skippack can not make a workable plan for its residents.

"We must continue to ask prison officials what their evacuation plan is," said Giamo. "We need to know. Let's cut out smoke screening about the evacuation plan being confidential. We too, are trusted officials." The supervisor agree that Giamo should write Jeffes another letter emphasizing this fact.

Resident Janet Sheridan wanted to make sure school children would be united with their parents in the evacuation plan.

Sandy Weingard, Perkiomen Valley school teacher responded, "The schools are thinking about what will happen to our children." She said the teachers have received information at an in-service meeting showing how to evacuate the children. This plan will be presented at the school board

meeting held Monday, April 9 at 8 P.M. The residents have requested the township supervisors to attend this meeting.

A round of applause broke out when Ronn Munro of Creed Road summed up the residents' concerns by saying:

"PE has lied to us. As a township, we ought to have control over our lives. We are concerned and afraid. We don't like the tactics PE is using, and we would like the supervisors to voice our

In other business, Mr. Christian Newswanger, of the Montgomery

County Historical Society, presented a two-volume book, The Second 100 Years of Montgomery County which contains 6 or 7 pages of Skippack's history. It can be purchased from the Montgomery County Historical Society for \$55.

It was also brought to the

attention of the board that additional warning signs are needed east and west of Forty-Foot Road on Rt. 73 to warn motorists of the flashing light already there. Joseph Kendal said, "There is an accident about once a month at that location."

Valley Views

We notice that PE will test the Nuke disaster sirens on July 25th. They will test them once a month and it will be for thirty seconds. Once the plant is in operation and you hear the sirens for longer than 30 seconds just grab your buns and pray.

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There is an airplane navigation airway radio-guide only one mile from the Limerick plant. This guide is used by local and transient planes...and with a congestion of small flying school airports, (one as close as one mile from the reactor site) an airplane could conceivably crash land on that inadequately protected nuclear material any day.

We are right now protesting the licensing of the Limerick plant in court, and the application to store tons of radioactive chemicals previous to P.E. having been successful in obtaining a license to operate, should be denied by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Write Senator Arlen Specter, 253 Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510 to protest.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Romano
Amler, Pa. 19002

Hats off to the Skippack Township Supervisors for telling Philadelphia Electric to go suck eggs on their Nuclear Accident Evacuation Plan. It is about time that somebody told PE off about their white elephant in Limerick.

Nuclear power was touted as cheap electricity. PE just got a 20% rate increase in the last five months and is going for another 20% in the next five months. What a bunch of phonies!

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Route can't be secret

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP'S supervisors shouldn't have to guess how a nuclear emergency evacuation would be handled for prisoners at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford. This is too serious a matter for guessing.

We can appreciate the unwillingness of the state Bureau of Corrections to make the information public because of the chance a prisoner might try to escape during such an emergency evacuation. But Skippack Township, in which the prison is located, certainly would be affected by the 2,400 prisoners' evacuation, and likewise the prison evacuation would occur at the same time an evacuation of township residents could be going on.

Supervisor chairman Caesar Gorski got to the heart of the problem by saying, "Suppose we choose the same (evacuation) route the state chooses for the prisoners. It could be bedlam."

THE TOWNSHIP'S concern is a legitimate one. Skippack must be aware of the state's plans to evacuate prisoners in the event of an emergency at the Limerick nuclear power plant so the township can coordinate its own evacuation with that of Graterford.

Prison security is one thing, but there's no way an evacuation could be conducted in secret. Trying to do so could be not just chaotic, but dangerous for prisoners and township residents alike.

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Skippack Firemen Say No to Nuclear Evacuation Plan

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

Skippack volunteer firemen last night put the township on notice that they will not participate in a nuclear-evacuation plan if they may be exposed to radiation.

"Our firemen should not have to expose themselves to radiation." Fire Chief Alfred S. Risell told the township supervisors at their regular meeting in discussing emergency plans in case of an accident at the Philadelphia Electric Co's Limerick power plant.

At a meeting on Feb. 13, the fire company voted 33 to 6 not to participate, Risell said.

Sixteen firemen jammed into the township Municipal Building last night to back the chief as he told the supervisors:

"We're just being up-front and telling you now not to expect anyone from the fire company to participate if radiation exposure is involved.

"I feel that this action of not participating is not a question of lack of courage, but a question of common sense. We spend enough time at the prison to drain anyone's courage."

Draft 4 of the emergency evacuation plans have been presented to the supervisors by Energy Consultants Inc., a firm hired by PE, but have not been acted on.

The draft calls for using the firemen to provide security, adequate fire-rescue emergency coverage, alerting the population to evacuation routes, distributing meters to register radiation exposure levels and giving out protective drugs.

"We specifically object to the part of the plans that says our gear and air packs are fine for radiation exposure," Risell said. "They (the consultants) do not know. It (the gear) hasn't been tested.

"We feel the plan has a lot to be desired. It's an exercise on paper."

Risell said that he will ask other fire companies to check if their firemen would want to participate in an evacuation if radiation exposure is involved.

The supervisors have scheduled a public meeting with PE officials at 7:30 p.m. on March 5 to discuss Draft 4.

"I think that what the fire chief said here tonight will generate a lot of discussion among other local volunteer firemen," commented Supervisor Michael Giamo after the meeting.

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Skippack Has Big Problem

While most local municipalities are still studying their emergency evacuation plans one township board of supervisors is emphatically opposed to the present plan--and with good reason.

It's not that the Skippack supervisors disagree with what's in the plan as much as they want to know what isn't detailed in their draft of the emergency evacuation plan in case of an accident at the Philadelphia Electric Company nuclear plant.

Within the Skippack Township borders lies the Eastern State Correctional Institution, commonly called Graterford prison, and housing well over 2000 inmates.

And the township supervisors, as the first order of business in considering emergency evacuation plans, want to know what is going to happen to those prisoners should an emergency occur that requires evacuation of residents within a ten mile

radius of the Limerick nuclear plant.

So far nobody has been able to tell them or won't tell them.

Skippack Supervisor Michael Glamo has made his own study of what will be needed to move the inmates and the board of supervisors has sent the study to the state for consideration.

Glamo figures that 60 buses will be needed to transport the prisoners out of the township. He calculates that it will take about five state troopers per bus to keep the prisoners in order.

The supervisors want to know where the buses will come from, what kind of security provisions will be made to the buses and where will the state troopers come from since the Limerick barracks has only about 60 troopers available.

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tion procedures for Graterford prison are confidential and not to be revealed to the township supervisors.

Skippack's supervisors don't buy that story.

Emergency evacuation plans are only one in a number of

problems the township is having with the prison. Last fall the township filed suit against the state for allowing a half million gallons of raw sewage to flow down a small tributary of the Perkiomen Creek and eventually into the larger creek.

Skippack Residents Face Evacuation Dilemma

A large contingent of Skippack Township residents showed up at the March meeting of the township supervisors last Wednesday night to complain because they did not have enough information about evacuation plans for township residents in case of a nuclear emergency at the Limerick plant.

They learned that Skippack Township is stuck on dead center in its emergency planning since it can get no answer from the state on what is to

happen to the prisoners at the state correctional institution at Graterford.

They also learned that the Perkiomen Valley School Board has approved its emergency evacuation plan and in response to this information asked the supervisors to attend the next school board meeting to find out why it was approved.

This brought the residents to a somewhat odd position, they wanted to know why the township wasn't approving plans and at the same time why the school district did.

Supervisor Mike Giamo said that he had received a 'nebulous' reply from the state's acting correction's commissioner Glenn Jeffres after Giamo had submitted his estimates of the amount of buses and troopers it would take to move the prisoners.

Giamo said that the state's position is that the evacuation plan for the prison is confidential and that the state will not tell the township what is to happen to the prisoners.

The supervisors told the residents that the township will not accept any evacuation plan unless it knows what is going to happen to all members of the community and this includes the prisoners.

Critical of Nuclear Evacuation Plan, Skippack Group Turns to Supervisors

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Four Skippack residents last night pleaded with the township Board of Supervisors to meet with the Perkiomen Valley school board to discuss plans for an evacuation in the event of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE) has employed the firm Energy Consultants to work with municipalities within a 10-mile radius of the power plant to help develop evacuation plans.

The residents last night told the supervisors that they had difficulty communicating with the school board at its Monday night meeting. Some 20 residents attended the school board meeting to protest the district's approval of the latest draft of the evacuation plan.

"For those of you who didn't attend the meeting, consider yourselves lucky," said Ronald Monroe, of Creek road. "They (the school board) lumped us (20 residents) into one big radical group. They did not want to hear what we had to say."

"I resent that very much," he added.

The school board has agreed to

meet with officials from municipalities within the 10-mile radius to discuss the plans. However, a meeting date has not been set.

Monroe said he that the supervisors would have a better chance than the residents of communicating with the school board.

"The school board had a hard time telling us whether or not they signed the plan," commented resident Sandy Welsh.

"The school board also told us that it is not responsible for the welfare of the children. If they aren't, who is?" she said.

Monroe claimed the school board had appeared to be acting defensively. "They (the school board) would rather not deal with a crisis. They would rather just vote," he said.

Resident Jane Kleba mentioned that the plan contains many statements that employ the term "to be determined" when referring to specifics of the evacuation scheme. She said most of those statements referred to the evacuation of private school children.

"I want to know if any of the 'T.B.D.'s' (to be determined's) have been cleared up," she said.

Supervisor Giamo then asked the residents how he could find out when the meeting will take place.

The residents said that they would notify the supervisors.

Giamo told the residents he had sent a letter to the acting commissioner of the state Bureau of Corrections Glen R. Jefes on April 9 requesting the plans for evacuating some 3,955 prisoners from the state Correctional Institute at Graterford, which is within the township.

Energy Consultants had told the supervisors that the plans are confidential.

"It is inconceivable for us to come up with a blue print to move our residents out of this area, unless we have some idea of the strategy you have planned," the letter stated.

"Are we not to be trusted as public officials?" Giamo asked of the residents last night. "We must continue to ask them."

Township solicitor Alan Boroff suggested that the supervisors ask Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency about the plans.

FROM: ALAN E. BOROFF, SOLICITOR
TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP
RE: PROPOSED SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY
RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) AND LIMERICK NUCLEAR PLANT AND THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

I have had the opportunity to review certain information and documentation made available to me by Limerick Ecology Action (LEA) which has been designated as the lead intervenor for emergency planning before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the NRC.

In December of 1983 PECO submitted copies of the draft offsite RERP's for the three counties, 42 municipalities, and 13 school districts located within the ten mile area of Limerick to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Pema submitted copies of these draft offsite RERP's to the Licensing Board of NRC.

The covering letter indicates that these are draft plans which had been reviewed by PEMA and that there are problem areas that have not been resolved, and that in many cases additional information must be developed for inclusion in the RERP. In the PEMA letter to the NRC of December, 1983, it is noted that the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corrections has developed a RERP but that because of the need to maintain confidentiality and for security reasons the general distribution of the plan is not feasible.

After the RERP's were submitted to the NRC, LEA filed its contentions dealing with the adequacy or inadequacy of the offsite RERP's. These were submitted to the NRC on January 31, 1984. In general these contentions state that the RERP's have not been adopted by the municipalities, that the RERP's fail to provide assurance that each municipality has sufficient staff and equipment to respond to the proposed plan, that the RERP's do not provide adequate assurance that protective measures can and will be taken since many facets of the plan remain "to be developed". There are a number of other contentions that were also made.

The test before the NRC Licensing Board with reference to the RERP's based on the Federal statute which provides that no operating license can be issued to Limerick unless the NRC finds that there is reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency.

During the first week of March of 1984 there was a hearing before the Licensing Board of the NRC on offsite emergency planning, and the purpose of this hearing was to define the issues and contentions with reference to anticipated public hearings and testimony which would be held no earlier than August or September of this year. At that argument LEA was present as well as an attorney representing the inmates of Gratersford State Prison as well as representatives of PE, Philadelphia, and the NRC. During the course of these arguments, LEA advised the NRC that the RERP's were developed by the consultants for PE and have not yet been adopted by the municipalities and that LEA attempted to summarize the various problems or questions that were involved. There was also recognition that before the matter comes to hearing many of these problems may be resolved by adoption of plans or by additional drafts firming up areas which are open at the present time.

Apparently PECO takes the position that the NRC can find that the RERP's are adequate and workable even though not adopted by the municipalities. LEA has taken the position that adoption is a necessary ingredient of workability. At this point I cannot determine what position, if any, PEMA and FEMA have on this issue.

Limerick will have a two stage operating procedure for licensing purposes.

The first stage is a license for low power operation. This has not yet been issued but the target date that PECO is looking at is August of this year. Under a low power license they can store and load the fuel and start the plant up to 5% power. Since the NRC apparently has previously stated that this does not constitute a hazard, RERP's are not a prerequisite for low power operation. The only thing that's needed is PECO's onsite emergency plan.

The next stage is full power operation which is targeted for April of 1985. In order for a full power license to be issued, all safety issues must be resolved. This includes the offsite RERP's which must be found by the NRC to be workable. This brings up the issue whether adoption is a necessary ingredient of workability or whether the NRC can find that the plans are workable even if not adopted by the municipalities.

As noted previously, the anticipated NRC hearings on the factual situation of the RERP's will probably be scheduled for August or September of this year, at the earliest.

LEA has said that they are prepared to have a representative appear before the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors to discuss the factual background of the RERP's and issues pertinent to Skippack Township. It might also be possible to invite Angus Love, the attorney who represents the Gratersford Prisoners to such a meeting since he may have some information that would be pertinent to the issue.

In addition, I have reviewed draft #5, dated April 1984 of the proposed Skippack Township Radological Emergency Response Plan for incidents at the Limerick Generating Station. This draft consists of 23 pages of text material and identifies 18 exhibit attachments.

Exhibit A is the Plume Exposure Pathway Map, which is not attached.

Exhibit B is a Skippack Township Emergency Organizational Chart which is included. It shows the five member Board of Supervisors operating with George Huguenin, Emergency Management Coordinator, and operating through the fire services, police services, public works and transportation medical/ambulance.

Exhibit C are letters of agreement between the Township and agencies providing services, which are not attached.

Exhibit D is an itemization of the traffic control points. According to this, the Township police organization is responsible for 8 control points which would involve 8 officers.

Exhibit E is the route alerting form which contains much information still to be developed. Information to be developed would be the 8 police teams which would relate to the traffic control points of the prior exhibit. Apparently, the plan intends that the Fire Company would handle this.

Exhibit F deals with residents with special medical requirements and contains specific information. Exhibit G deals with persons requiring transportation assistance and does contain some specific information.

Exhibit H is a floor plan of the Skippack Township Emergency Coordinator and is to be developed.

Exhibit I is an emergency notification list listing the Township officials, the coordinator, fire and rescue officers, transportation officer and public works officer and much information in this is still to be developed.

Exhibit J is an evacuation plan map. It is not part of this draft. Exhibit K is a dosimetry report form. Exhibit L is a receipt for dosimetry survey meters - K-1.

Exhibit M is emergency work with dosimetry - K-1 list showing that 94 dosimetry K-1 units are required.

Exhibit N is acknowledgment of receipt by emergency workers for the meters.

Exhibit O is a consolidated resource list with reference to vehicles, personnel and equipment showing what is required, what is available and what is an "unmet" need.

Exhibit P is a municipal police/fire/ambulance resource, showing manpower of 35 people with the fire department and 30 people with the ambulance squad. It also shows that there are no police in Skippack Township.

Exhibit Q is a Skippack Township evacuation support map which is not attached.

Exhibit R refers to supporting plans and this identifies the supporting plan as the Perkiomen Valley School District.

There is a notation that the State Correctional Institution RERP is to be developed, maintained and implemented by the State.

In the 23 pages of narrative material, Chapter I is the introduction. It contains the authority for the RERP under the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Act, contains references to the documents, states the purpose of the plan to provide maximum protection for people who live, work or transit Skippack Township in the event of a incident at Limerick. It also discusses the scope of the plan and sets forth definitions of

the various terms of art used in the plan. There are 28 words and terms defined in the definition. Chapter I also sets forth the objectives as defining the responsibility, clarifying lines of authority and establishing lines of communication, insuring that planned actions are current and in consensus with other RERP's, identifying the personnel and equipment necessary for safe and efficient execution of the plan, provide a basis for the functional implementation of the plan and provide that the population of Skippack Township is informed as to the basic concepts of the RERP and necessary protective actions.

Chapter II is the basic plan and sets forth the municipal government emergency operations defining various areas of responsibility. It also sets forth emergency services to be provided and functional areas involved. It also refers to police services, fire services and medical/ambulance services and it identifies public works in Skippack Township and also deals with radiological response, transportation, communications. It defines the emergency operation center (EOC) to be located at the Township Building under the direction of the Emergency Management Coordinator. The EOC is to be staffed by the Emergency Management Coordinator, fire services officer, transportation officer and public works officer and is the central point for coordinating emergency response in Skippack Township. It also deals with communications, an alert/notification system and sets forth protective actions by way of sheltering, evacuation. There are provisions for selective or general evacuation, authorization or control, evacuation routes, transportation, traffic control points, public and private schools, health care facilities, access control points, emergency fuel supplies, roadway clearing, fire protection and agriculture. It also covers radiological exposure control, continuity of government, training and concept of operations.

Nuke Accident Escape Plan

—JOHN STEWART



The Nuclear Accident Escape Plan touted by Philadelphia Electric is a fairy tale. Local governments have been wined and dined in an effort to win their support. PECO will now attempt to further tempt the local government with gifts of equipment up to \$5,000 per municipality.

Skippack and Perkiomen Townships have refused to approve the plan. They realize the cost of implementing the plan as well as the responsibility for evacuating all the people is theirs under the plan.

Philadelphia Electric has no responsibility when the local government approves the plan.

Skippack Supervisors will climb the wall when they learn that the Graterford prisoners will see the Nuke Escape Plan before the supervisors see it. In addition, the prisoners will get the opportunity to object to the plan but the supervisors will not have the right to change it.

Local small businesses will be the most seriously affected if there is a nuclear accident. Everything will shut down and the loss of profit will fall on the backs of the small companies. The small business man will stand in line along with the rest of the people who were damaged.

It will be interesting to see what happens to the larger companies like Superior Tube, Techalloy and Uniform Tube—they will have to decontaminate their products before it is shipped out of the area.

PE's map of the radioactive plume area was short by one quarter of a mile—now we know why—PennDot prepared the map.

I wish I said that department: "And, as everyone knows, the army is a poor training corps for democracy, no matter how inspiring its cause."

Pierre Trudeau

Last week a sad thing happened to us on the way to the truth—the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness, directed by retired army officer Lin Bigelow, refused to copy, at the expense of the newspaper, Draft #5 of the Nuclear Accident Escape Plan. Retired army officer Bigelow said we could examine the plan in his nuke-proof bunker but he would not copy it for us.

We then proceeded to other sources and obtained a copy. It is over two inches thick and contains 464 pages, excluding maps. Page 33 sets forth that "copies may be made available upon specific request and justification." Retired army officer Bigelow, ingrained in military censorship, did not think the request of **The Independent** was justified.

We have spent over two days reviewing the plan and we are still not finished. In the next few weeks we will attempt to bring to you some parts of the plan that the office directed by a retired army officer does not want you to know.

In the event of an evacuation because of a nuclear accident you must provide for your pets because they will not be permitted entry to mass care centers. The only exception to this rule is guide dogs for the blind. You may keep your pets in your automobile or at other outside areas. The plan calls for decontamination of individuals but not their pets. Plans for the animals when they are contaminated are unknown. In short, decontamination of pets is not provided.

Where will you go in an evacuation of the area? Well, Collegeville, Limerick and Royersford will travel to the Willow Grove Industrial Park located near Exit 27 of the Pa. Turnpike. Upper and Lower Providence Townships will end up at the Neshaminy Mall which is located near Exit 28 of the Pa. Turnpike. Don't forget to bring your credit cards. Perkiomen Township, Schwenksville Borough, Skippack Township and

Trappe Borough will be spending their time at the Montgomery Mall at Routes 309 and 202. Seems they get the newest mall.

Little Lower Frederick will end up at the County Line Plaza near Route 113, separated from the rest of the people.

These are the reception centers only, from there you will be segregated and sent to mass care centers where you will be decontaminated (stripped down and showered in communal showers) and given anti-radiation drugs.

The escape plan makes certain basic assumptions. The first assumption is that "the principal means of relocation" is the private automobile. The second assumption is that the weather will be ideal. The third assumption is that the accident will occur during the daylight hours and children will be bussed out of the area. The fourth assumption is that only half the population will need housing and food because the other half will have taken care of themselves in hotels and motels (55,000 people). The fifth assumption is that there will be sufficient time to permit everyone to escape from the deadly radioactive plume.

Naturally, there will be sufficient ambulances and personnel to evacuate the Montgomery County Geriatric Center, 591 patients; Pottstown Medical Center, 300 patients; Eagleville Hospital, 314 patients; Rivercrest Center, 77 patients; Leader Nursing Home, 225 patients; Frederick Mennonite Home, 127 patients; total patients—1634. Total ambulances available in Montgomery County—67. (24 patients per ambulance.)

An additional problem is what to do with over 2000 prisoners at Graterford Prison and Montco Prison in Eagleville.

All of these problems have not been solved nor addressed in the present plan.

Next week—What will happen to small companies in a nuclear disaster? Who pays the costs of the escape? Who is responsible?

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FOR THE LIMERICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

TO BE DISCUSSED

MONDAY MAY 14

PERKIOMEN VALLEY
SCHOOL BOARD

8:00 at PV NORTH Schwenksville
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, *in*

YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE PLANS FOR A RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY AT LIMERICK:
HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO SEE A COPY??.....

- * Do you know that the Perkiomen Valley School Board adopted a preliminary draft of the evacuation plans in November-1983?
- * Do you know that both public and non-public schools are covered by one plan?
- * Which mass care centers are your children assigned to? Are siblings together?
- * Where are buses coming from and who will be driving them?
- * Will the teachers take the responsibility to supervise and protect the children until families are reunited?
- * When will the school district inform parents about the plans? Will a public meeting be held to obtain parental input?

CLIP AND RETURN TO: CITIZENS COMMITTEE,
P.O. BOX 235
CREAMERY, PA. 19430

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

What are your concerns: _____

I WISH TO SEE A COPY
OF MY SCHOOL'S PLANS

Yes _____ No _____

I WISH TO SEE A COPY
OF MY TOWNSHIP'S PLAN

Yes _____ No _____

Graterford Prisoners Given Priority Over Skippack on Evacuation Plans

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

Skippack Township supervisors complained last night that inmates at the state Correctional Institution at Graterford may receive a copy of the nuclear evacuation plan for the prison before they do.

There are some 2,400 inmates living in the prison, which is within the township, and the supervisors have said they are unable to work on a plan to evacuate residents in case of an accident at the Limerick power plant until they know what roads the prisoners will take.

The federal Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has ordered the state to provide the prisoners with an "adequate form of the plan," according to a board document displayed at last night's supervisors' meeting by Supervisor Michael Giamo.

The document says that 18 inmates were represented at the preliminary hearings on licensing of the plant, but since the state did not have a complete evacuation plan, the prisoners were unable to present any objections they might have had.

According to the document, when the plans are finished, the prisoners will have 20 days to file contentions.

"The prisoners have priority over us," Giamo exclaimed. "I am so baffled and confused. They're saying that the prisoners can approve the plan before us."

Township solicitor Alan Boroff explained that the prisoners are considered an "intervening party" in the licensing process of the plant.

He then suggested that the supervisors contact the prisoners, and ask for a copy of the plans.

"I feel very awkward about being subservient," Giamo declared. "Why can't they just give the plan to us?"

In an interview after the meeting, Giamo said, "There is no communication between the state and the federal governments. The state says they have

a plan and it's confidential. And the federal government says there is no plan. They (the state) have nothing."

However, Giamo said that state Rep. Raymond Bunt Jr., R-147th Dist., and state Sen. Edwin G. Holl, R-24th Dist., have told him that the state would let the supervisors know about the evacuation plans for the inmates

as soon as they are available.

On Monday night, the supervisors stopped a training session with Energy Consultants, a firm hired by the plant's owner, the Philadelphia Electric Co., to work with municipalities on the plans, midway through the meeting.

The consultants called a meeting with the supervisors to discuss background information concerning the power plant as preparation for evacuation planning.

Chairman Caesar Gorski said that since the township does not have an evacuation plan, the session was pointless.

"We (Skippack) are concerned about the issues," Gorski said. "We don't want to participate in a training session until we have a plan."

Skippack Residents Form Group To Ensure Proper Evacuation Plan

By HOLLY HERMAN
For The Times Herald

Skippack resident Ronald Munro announced at last night's township supervisors' meeting that a group of residents has formed a Citizens Committee to publicize what they claim are the dangers of licensing the Limerick nuclear power plant.

"We're not a bunch of radical people; we're concerned about educating our community," said Munro, 51, a drug and alcohol counselor.

The committee consists of eight members who meet once a week to discuss issues pertaining to a radiological emergency, he said.

One goal of the committee is to act as a pressure group to prevent the adoption of a non-workable evacuation plan for residents.

A second goal is to act as "a consumer advocate" for the communities while working with the township supervisors and the Perkiomen Valley school board on power-plant matters.

"Our immediate goal is to get the Lower Providence supervisors to meet with the Skippack and Upper Perkiomen supervisors to discuss the evacuation plans," Munro said.

Munro said that the group formed three weeks ago, when Phyllis Zitzer, head of Limerick

Ecology Action, a group also critical of the drafts of the evacuation plan, met with several Bucks County residents at the home of Skippack resident Sandy Welsh.

"We do not see the evacuation plans as acceptable," Munro said. "They are coming from a bunch of people (Philadelphia Electric Co.) who refuse to communicate with the public, except through the Energy Consultants."

PE has hired the firm Energy Consultants to work on evacuation plans with municipalities living within a 10-mile radius of the plant.

Mrs. Welsh said that the consultants provide training sessions to make it seem as if the evacuation plans are running smoothly.

She then presented a letter from the consultants to the township's emergency manager coordinator, George Huguenin, thanking Skippack for its cooperation with the plans.

"The training sessions are a trick method of getting the public to think that they (the consultants) know what they're doing," Munro said.

"Once the plan is licensed, these Energy Consultants will go into the woodwork," resident Jane Kleba commented.

Mrs. Kleba then asked the supervisors if they might approve the plan in the summer while

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Skippack Residents Question Nuke Escape Plan

—BY VIRGINIA COOKE—

Several members of the newly formed Skippack Citizen Committee pleaded with the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors, in their regular meeting May 9, to hold a public meeting to answer questions about the nuclear evacuation plan.

The SCC is a group of concerned residents seeking answers to pertinent questions about the nuclear evacuation plan. Their goals are:

1. To educate the community to the dangers of the nuclear power plant.
2. To help insure that only an adequate and workable plan be accepted.
3. To act as a consumer advocate for the community with the township supervisors and P.V. School Board in issues pertaining to a radiological emergency.
4. To represent our community at neighboring township meetings and school district meetings.
5. To relay relevant information to the community.
6. To act as a pressure group to prevent the adoption of a non-workable plan and advance the resistance to P.E.'s monetary incentives.
7. To plug into other task-force efforts in an advisory and supportive capacity.

The communities are being railroaded by P.E. through Energy Consultants, Inc.'s nuclear "training" programs, according to SCC. These programs, the group feels, state the functions of emergency operation centers, show how to use radioactive detection equipment, and give instructions on filling out forms, but in no way provide a workable evacuation plan. At the conclusion of the total ascribed "training" sessions, P.E. can assume all municipalities have an emergency plan. P.E. is making it look like people are in agreement when they are not, SCC said.

According to Skippack Solicitor Alan Boroff, P.E.'s only requirement to get an operating license is that municipalities have a workable plan. The Limerick Ecology Action (LEA) argues a plan is not workable until it is adopted by the township.

A letter from the Federal Atomic Safety & Licensing Board was brought to the attention of the Skippack officials by Supervisor Michael Giamo stating the Commonwealth must give the prisoners in Graterford Prison a copy of the evacuation plan. They have 20 days to file contentions against it. Giamo was appalled that the prisoners will have the opportunity

to object to the plan and make changes in it, but township officials will not.

Solicitor Boroff explained the prisoners are exercising their rights through a public defender. They can get the plans because they are the responsibility of the state and that's how our judicial system works.

"The prisoners are doing what is lawful," said Ron Munro, spokesman for the SCC. "They are asking questions and are going to get answers. We should combine our efforts with other communities (to do the same). I feel the people in the community deserve to know.

People must be informed. Skippack needs an open meeting similar to the one held in Lower Providence. Our communities must stay together."

Jane Kleba, Skippack resident and member of the SCC, tried to impress the importance of having a public meeting in the very near future, before people go away on vacation.

"Once the plan is licensed these Energy Consultants will go into the woodwork," said Mrs. Kleba. "You'll have no leverage if the plan goes through in the summer."

MAY 22, 1984

Skippack Officials Meet Briefly With Nuke Escape Consultants

—BY VIRGINIA COOKE—

Skippack Township officials met with Energy Consultants, Inc. for a special training session on Monday, May 7. Energy Consultants, Inc. is a firm hired by Philadelphia Electric to assist municipalities in a 10-mile radius of Limerick Nuclear Plant to make an evacuation plan.

The program was intended to instruct the township officials in filling out various forms and to instruct them in the operation of equipment used for detecting radioactive contamination. The program never got that far. It was interrupted after only 30 minutes.

"You are making the assumptions that we're going to do all the stuff," commented Township Chairman Caesar Gorski. "The plan requires a lot more people than we have available. We would have 100 per cent cooperation if it were a different type of emergency."

Becky Heiser, planner-trainer for Energy Consultants, Inc. pointed out the program is a training session, not a planning session.

The supervisors unanimously agreed this was not the type of program they had anticipated. There are too many unanswered questions about major issues concerning the evacuation of school children and Graterford inmates.

"We need a question and answer session," said Supervisor Sarah Unruh.

The supervisors agreed that first these issues must be resolved and a decision made if Skippack is even going to be a part of the plan before they go through all the

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—Caesar Gorski
Chairman
Skippack Supervisor

paper work. "This program is an exercise in futility at this point in time," added Supervisor Michael Giamo. "It is premature for Skippack. We're not ready for it. We need a meeting more than a training session."

George Huguenin, Skippack's Emergency Manager Coordinator, suggested the supervisors draw up questions they would like answered and the energy consultants agreed to have county officials come to Skippack for a public meeting.

The supervisors agreed there should be a public meeting at a later date with authorities who could answer pertinent questions.

Graterford Inmates Won't See Evacuation Plan, Skippack Told

By TAD BROOKS
Of The Times Herald

The state has assured Skippack Township that inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford will not be allowed to see emergency evacuation plans for the prison, which is in the township.

In response to questioning by a local state legislator, Glenn R. Jeffes, acting commissioner of the state Bureau of Corrections, said he had "no intention of sharing any portion of our evacuation plan with the inmates."

The Skippack supervisors had expressed concern at a meeting last month that the inmates may receive a copy of the prison's nuclear emergency plan before they do.

Their concern was based on a motion by 18 inmates who have intervened in preliminary licensing hearings for the Limerick plant, asking to be allowed to comment on the Graterford plan.

The supervisors have put plans for evacuating residents on hold until they learn more about plans for the prison.

In his written response last month to a letter by state Sen. Edwin G. Holl, R-24th Dist., Jeffes said releasing the evacuation plans to the inmates "would create a security problem and thus possibly jeopardize the welfare of the community."

"For security reasons," Jeffes wrote, "I would fully resist the release of any information to inmates which pre-identifies evacuation routes, possible evacuation sites, and the types of equipment needed to accomplish such a move."

Jeffes said the issues raised by the supervisors concerning evacuation routes, equipment and emergency personnel will be addressed in the state plan.

"It is my suggestion that Skippack Township proceed with developing their plan," he wrote. "If a conflict in evacuation routes, escort, etc., does arise, the issue should be resolved by (the state Emergency Management Agency)."

Skippack Supervisor Michael Giamo said at the May supervisors' meeting that the federal Atomic Safety and Licensing board has ordered the state to provide an evacuation plan to the Graterford inmates.

But Ken Robinson, press secretary for the Bureau of Correction, disputed this.

Robinson said in a telephone interview last

night that the bureau is still drawing up the evacuation plan.

Once the plan is complete, he said, the township supervisors will be given an opportunity to review it.

Giamo said in an interview last week that "it would absolutely be an exercise in futility to (draft a plan) without knowing the routes the inmates are going to take."

"We're not going to do anything until the state comes forth and tries to work with us so we can draft our plan around their plan," he said.

But Robinson commented: "There is no reason why they (the township) have to wait for us to complete their plan."

The supervisors have been told by state Rep. Raymond Blunt Jr., R-147th Dist., and by Sen. Holl that the state will let the township know about the Graterford plan as soon as it becomes available.

Robinson said that if it is determined that inmates should be allowed to see the prison evacuation plan, "they will be able to see basically what the public will see."

The public plan, he said, will not contain specific information concerning evacuation routes.

"We can't spell out what routes we'll take and what equipment we'll have," Robinson said, adding that revealing such information poses a security risk and could jeopardize the safety of township residents.

"We have indicated to Mr. Giamo and Sen. Holl that once we have a final plan, we'll be willing to meet with them," Robinson said.

Will the supervisors be allowed to review the complete evacuation plan?

"How far he's (Jeffes) going to go with that will be up to him," he said.

Meeting on Evacuation Set

A public meeting to discuss evacuation plans in the event of an accident at the Limerick power plant will be held at the Skippack firehouse, Routes 73 and 113, on Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is sponsored by the Citizens Committee of Skippack Township. A panel will discuss the issues involved in the evacuation plan.

PECO Responds To Editorial

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Dear Mr. Stewart:

A recent editorial in the Independent and Montgomery County Transcript on the merits of nuclear energy definitely presented a two-faced approach. On the one hand, John Stewart claimed to be a supporter of nuclear energy, but at the same time, he damned the process and the required emergency plans by emotionally presenting incomplete or inaccurate arguments. Various nuclear plant accident possibilities have been, and are continuing to be, extensively studied with all conclusions reporting that a nuclear facility presents less hazard to the health and safety of the public than other forms of energy production, methods of transportation, or other industrial activities. The possibility of sabotage has been considered, and extensive plant security, employee screening, internal plant movement control and plant design measures are taken to cover and to mitigate against sabotage events. Mr. Stewart errs when he says that the possibility of sabotage is ignored.

The fact that there is a winner for every lottery and that the nuclear industry uses probability analyses to examine the potential risks of nuclear facilities does not mean that an accident having adverse consequences to the health and safety of the public is bound to occur. Furthermore, the industry has taken giant strides to improve plant safety since TMI. Examples include the formation of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, addition of plant staff personnel, improved training programs, many design improvements, and the use of improved plant procedures. Public safety has definitely been enhanced.

Extensive emergency plans including evacuation scenarios are required by regulation and were brought into their present formalized state due to public concerns and demands. Now some segments of that same public body are attempting to stop nuclear energy by claiming the plans are unworkable. The plans are workable and will be effective, as proven by many evacuations which have taken place throughout the country for natural or industrially caused events even though such evacuations were based on much less developed plans. It's a proven fact that people do respond in real emergencies.

The local area plans are being developed by local people with the advice, assistance and guidance of county and state officials knowledgeable in these areas. PE is providing assistance, manpower and financial support to the effort. The public will be informed of the plans through the press, through meetings and radio announcements, and through public meetings. In disseminating information about the plans, we recognize the public's right to know, but at the same time, we recognize the public's right to privacy. Citizens serving an official function in the implementation of the plans, such as emergency volunteers, teachers, firemen, police, and the like, are currently receiving training. Drills are being held to exercise all facets of the plans.

A successful community emergency plan will benefit the general public and can be used for any emergency, be it of natural origin or caused by man. Is it too much to ask of the news media and of the public who benefit for cooperation, support and understanding in the development of such plans?

Sincerely,

Vincent S. Boyer

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Philadelphia Electric's big lie, the Limerick Nuke Plant, will go on the next year costing the ratepayers, that's you and me, at least a 25% rate increase. PE was supposed to produce nuclear power at a cheaper rate—right now, they can buy power on the grid cheaper than they can produce it.

Please read Philadelphia Electric's reply to our Editorial. It's a real beaut! It totally ignores the questions raised by our viewpoint. Why should local governments pay for a nuke accident escape plan? For that matter, why should local people, rather than stockholders pay for the expense of a nuclear evacuation? The letter ignores these two key questions... but PE is a master at giving a "non-answer" answer to cloud the real issue.

John Stewart, the writer of the Editorial answers Philadelphia Electric's Vice-President:

1. When Philadelphia Electric has no answer but always ridicule. We considered the source of the charge that we are "two faced," Mr. Vincent S. Boyer, Senior Vice-President of Nuclear Power and realize that the man is just plain ignorant. Anyone who knows this newspaper and what we stand for understands we do not straddle the fence or use weak words to explain our position.
2. Mr. Boyer's track record in the construction of the Limerick Nuke Power Plant stinks. The original cost of the plant was estimated to be \$375 million. The present cost estimate by Mr. Boyer is \$3.7 billion. It has cost the ratepayers, not the stockholders, almost ten times more to build. If a PE lineman came in with a cost over-run almost ten times higher than estimated he would be fired.
3. What we said in our Editorial was that in a worst-case scenario the Nuke Accident Escape Plan would not work and that is true. What we said was that in the "probabilistic mathematics" sabotage was not included and that is true. What we said was that local taxpayers should not pay for a Nuke Accident Escape Plan. Mr. Boyer failed to answer that proposition.
4. Mr. Boyer states in paragraph four of his letter (printed above): "The local area plans are being developed by local people..." Mr. Boyer's assertion is a mis-statement of the facts. Not one local government, school or community agency "developed" the Nuke Accident Escape Plan. It was prepared and "developed" by Philadelphia Electric's hired-gun—Energy Consultants, Inc. Philadelphia Electric and their consultants have attempted to ram the plan down the throats of many local governments. Some local governments have balked at signing the plan and we don't blame them.
5. We believe Philadelphia Electric has a duty to explain to local taxpayers and local governments why the local people should pay any cost of any aspect of the Nuke Accident Escape Plan rather than Philadelphia Electric and its stockholders.
6. Is it too much to ask Philadelphia Electric to have their stockholders pay all costs relative to the Nuke Accident Escape Plan instead of the citizens of this valley?
Mr. Boyer, please answer this last question.

—John Stewart

OJR task force focuses on Limerick in emergency planning session

By NANCY CRATER
Mercury Staff Writer

A task force of citizens of the Owen J. Roberts School District met Wednesday for the fourth time in recent months, attempting to form a workable emergency response plan for the school district in the event of a threatened disaster.

While the plan is designed to meet any emergency needs — from natural disasters to freak events such as chemical spills — what was clearly the central focus of concern at Wednesday's session was the possibility of a containment accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant presently under construction.

All seven schools in the Owen J. Roberts district lie within a 10-mile radius of the power plant — an area termed the

EPZ or Plume Exposure Pathway Zone, the critical zone surrounding the plant should there be a release of radioactive particles into the atmosphere. The East Coventry Elementary School lies a mile away from the twin towers of Limerick.

"Some of us may have our philosophical problems (regarding the operation of the plant)," remarked Superintendent Dr. Roy C. Claypool during discussion of the need for emergency plans in all areas surrounding Limerick before the facility can be licensed. "But we must keep in mind that this plan deals with all kinds of emergencies."

Responding to some vehement comments on the futility of the mass evacuation portion of the emergency response plan, OJR administrator Joseph Clark informed the citizens that a

comprehensive plan is required of Philadelphia Electric before Limerick goes on line. "If we do not submit a plan, then one will be written for us," he stated. "We believe it would be best if we write our own plan."

The plan outlines procedures to be followed in the event of several classifications of response to an event: a general alert, a call for evacuation from the vicinity of Limerick or a call for "protective action" meaning immediate sheltering of the surrounding population.

Several critical elements of the plan must be answered before the final draft is submitted to the Owen J. Roberts School Board for approval. Those elements include the following:

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*Fifteen more (72-passenger) buses are needed in order to accommodate the student population in a mass evacuation. The district currently has 39 available buses and 54 are needed. A breakdown in number of buses needed for each school is as follows: Vincent, 5; East Coventry, 3; French Creek, 4; Warwick, 2; North Coventry, 8; middle school, 15; high school, 17.

This problem is expected to be met with the assistance of the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, which is authorized to assist school districts with resources needed in such an emergency.

*There must be 54 qualified bus drivers willing to respond to an evacuation call. A task force sub-

committee must organize a survey of bus drivers and OJR staff members, seeking as many qualified (Class 2 or 3 Pa. drivers licenses) personnel as possible to be on hand in the event of such a contingency.

*A system is needed to cope with individual parents who may show up at their child's school, regardless of the announcement of a district-wide mass relocation of students to host schools. Concern was voiced that too many parents arriving during an

evacuation may cause traffic congestion problems and slow down the efficiency of the operation.

Claypool stressed that in no event would a parent be prevented from picking up their own child at school during an alert or an evacuation. However, it was noted that in the event of a government-ordered sheltering of people in the area, parents should remain indoors and should not attempt to drive to school to collect their child.

The task force members agreed to work out a contingency plan to cope with the expected influx of parents in the event of an emergency evacuation.

When the district's final draft of the plan is completed and the county agency adapts it to integrate with other school and municipal emergency response plans, it will be presented to the school board for approval. Officials do not expect this to happen for at least nine months.

One of the more outspoken task force members was Kenneth Read Sr., who said his years of experience in civil defense planning led him to doubt the workability of a mass evacuation from the Limerick area.

"This evacuation plan just could never work in any way, shape or form," he insisted. "It is a waste of time and paper. It is not feasible, sensible or practical."

He cited several examples throughout the nation where evacuation planning in the event of a nuclear emergency was abandoned, including comments by New York Governor Mario Cuomo who said such a plan for the Shoreham nuclear plant would never work.

But while most of the task force members seemed inclined to agree with Read, they pointed out the need for an overall plan taking in every option of responding to a critical situation.

John McNamara, a spokesman for the county emergency services agency, said many school district plans will by necessity hinge on "letters of agreement" with transportation providers. Such documents, while not legally binding, are the means of assuring cooperation during emergency situations.

John Cunningham, a consultant working for PE who is assisting the district with the emergency planning, noted that 183,868 residents of the EPZ must be covered in the utility's evacuation portion of the emergency response plan. The breakdown in counties is as follows: Berks, 17,089; Chester, 56,489; Montgomery, 110,290.

Roberts evacuation plan hits snag

Personnel shortages are feared

By NANCY CRATER
Mercury Staff Writer

An Owen J. Roberts citizen task force assisting with the school district's evacuation plans has encountered problems in trying to enlist the cooperation of bus drivers and teachers in the event of a nuclear emergency.

The task force found there will not be enough personnel available to assure even minimal supervision of children, should a disaster threaten the area.

The discovery creates a major snag in what has become a massive undertaking to map out an effective response plan for use in the event of a nuclear or other emergency.

As a result of a recent survey conducted among the district's bus drivers, "It is clear that even in the best of conditions, there will be insufficient personnel to drive buses in the event of an evacuation order," according to Joseph Clark, OJR administrative liaison to the citizen task force.

To further complicate matters, a survey distributed to teachers drew almost no response: the Roberts Education Association urged its membership not to complete the survey until the issue is investigated further by the bargaining agent and the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA).

Response plans such as this one are in the works throughout the Pottstown area as local municipalities and school districts prepare for Philadelphia Electric Co.'s planned operation of the Limerick twin nuclear power reactors. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is requiring the utility to show an effective "radiological response plan" during licensing proceedings for the Limerick operation.

The first reactor at the \$5.8 billion plant is scheduled to go on line in 1985.

All seven schools in the Owen J. Roberts district are within a 10-mile radius of the power plant — an area termed the EPZ or Plume Exposure Pathway Zone, the critical zone surrounding the plant should there be a release of radioactive particles into the atmosphere. The school closest to the plant is East Coventry Elementary School which is located

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a mile south of the twin towers of Limerick.

And while school district officials note that an emergency response plan can serve the community in a variety of disaster situations, there is no doubt that Limerick is uppermost in the minds of the planners.

"The utility has given us a rough job to do," Clark stated in reference to the planning. "I honestly don't think the company has anticipated the degree of fear and anxiety people have in working with this."

The idea for the personnel survey was broached at a recent meeting of the citizen task force. At that time it was learned that the district would need 15 more buses in order to effect a full evacuation of pupils.

Clark indicated that 90 percent of the 55 district bus drivers completed and returned the survey questionnaire. Half the drivers said they are willing to fully cooperate in transporting students in the event of an emergency, nuclear or otherwise.

The rest either refused or — in most cases — qualified their answers by stating they would cooperate, but that the safety of their own families would come first.

"We can't count on these who qualify their answers, since we have no way of knowing what they would do in an emergency situation," said Clark. "I am in no way putting them down for saying that — they were just being honest and that is what we wanted."

In the case of the teachers, the Roberts Education Association (REA) has informed the superintendent that the matter is open to negotiation. In the meantime, it has urged its membership not to cooperate in the survey effort.

"Any plan that would impact in any way upon our current bargaining agreement would have to be negotiated," said REA President

Marie Robinson. "The surveys placed us in a very awkward position...we were asked to give out personal information about our families, things like that.

"But it did not really spell out what we would be required to do," she continued. "Would it involve staying with the children for hours? Days? Weeks?"

Ms. Robinson termed the problem "a strange situation," without much of a precedent for teachers to rely upon. "We want to assure the district that teachers do want to cooperate. But there are so many issues involved here, at the same time we want to be cautious about committing ourselves..."

Clark, who shares the teachers' concerns, nonetheless noted their refusal to cooperate creates monumental problems. "We talked with the consultant (PE evacuation planning consultant John Cunningham), and he knows of no other school district in the state where teachers have taken such a hard line position."

Clark also noted that the task force subcommittee charged with taking the surveys "do not understand the teachers' position."

To give both groups an opportunity to air their concerns, a meeting has been scheduled for July 6. A representative of the state education association, as well as REA representatives, will attend the meeting to discuss their questions and concerns with the task force.

Clark said the Chester County Department of Emergency Services is technically responsible for assisting school districts and municipalities that encounter "resource and manpower problems" in the course of their evacuation planning. But he expressed doubt that the department with its small staff and numerous responsibilities will be able to cope with the overwhelming problems the plans are sure to create.

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Wednesday, February 8, 1984

Readers speak out:

Emergency plan is a joke

Heeding the call of Philadelphia Electric's emergency preparedness director, let us review some of the activities which are passing for emergency planning in our municipalities and school districts. Ms. Kankus' letter would have us believe that a massive, cooperative effort has been undertaken by scores of our citizens, and that a comprehensive, finely meshed emergency plan has been the result. This is simply not true.

The Task Force on Emergency Planning of the Owen J. Roberts School District, of which I am a member, has identified several of the district's problem areas to Chester County's Department of Emergency Services (DES) — "unmet needs," to use their jargon. These "needs" once identified, are to be met by the county DES. As of Jan. 23, 1984, OJR's need for 15 additional buses and 30 additional drivers had not been resolved. However, on Sept. 1, 1983, in spite of this glaring inadequacy in the OJR Emergency Response Plan, Chester County DES saw fit to submit to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), for review, an unapproved and incomplete draft of the OJR Radiological Emergency Response Plan. The OJR Task Force was notified on Sept. 9, 1983 that PEMA had completed its review. They had no problems with our unmet needs, as they had not even examined OJR's plan. Is this an example of the coordination and meshing of plans?

We are assured by Ms. Kankus that emergency plans are being drawn to provide maximum protection for the public. Chester County DES estimates a complete evacuation of the emergency planning zone will require 9-11 hours to effect. In the event of a rapidly deteriorating situation, requiring evacuation in less time, the public would be advised to remain where they are. Is this maximum protection?

We are assured that emergency drills are held to ensure that plans can be carried out efficiently. Yet a "full-scale" drill involves very few people, and the general public is not involved. Are you assured that these finely meshed plans will work efficiently for your maximum protection?

I hope we will be hearing more about emergency plans in the months to come. Please take the time to learn the facts.

Chester Springs RD 2
SUSAN CARLSEN

May 1, 1984

Dear Fellow O/R Parents & PTO Officers,

The following includes a copy of letter presented to our school board on 4/30/84 to request a public information meeting in our district before the close of the current academic year concerning RERP - Radiological Emergency Response Plan - sub in draft.

Please read & make available to your exec. bod. for requesting them to collectively and/or individually make the same requests of the board and Dr. Claypool.

Forward your thoughts please to the School Board; Dr. Claypool; and Mr. Joseph Clark, Jack Face Chairman for RERP all c/o Admin. Bldg. Rts. 234/100, Buckhorn.

Thank you most sincerely,

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Owen J. Roberts School Board
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Bucktown, Pa.

Dear School Board Members:

This letter is a request for the School Board to address the issue of the workability and adequacy of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) for the Owen J. Roberts School District. The Citizen's Task Force has spent endless hours trying to render "workable" this RERP for a nuclear incident at Limerick. In fact, this committee has worked through Draft #7 and yet there remain lingering questions of "unmet needs" and the adequacy of "protective" measures for the school children.

The Task Force should not bear the onus of continued drafting, and the School Board should not be insulated from direct input from concerned parents in the school district.

It is imperative for the School Board (and not just the Task Force) to address the concerns of many parents about the status of the Owen J. Roberts Plan and whether school district time and funds will continue to be spent developing what may be unimplementable.

It is also critical that this topic be placed for open discussion on the School Board agenda before the summer recess in view of the July 25th evacuation test drill, PECO's request for a

low-power operating license by August, and the NRC's hearings on emergency planning scheduled for September.

Therefore, a Board meeting or a special hearing date should be set within the next few weeks for the Task Force to present its recommendations and for interested parents to address those of the Board who will ultimately determine whether the Owen J. Roberts Plan will be promulgated.

Sincerely,
Suzanne B. Ercole
Brenda L. Honig



letters to the editor . . .

Evacuation Plans For Perkiomen Valley School District Questioned

Evacuation plans for a radiological emergency which were prepared by Energy Consultants, Inc., a private firm hired by Philadelphia Electric Company, were adopted by the Perkiomen Valley School Board at their November meeting. Representatives of St. Mary's School and other institutions in the district also received copies of the plan for their approval. Such evacuation plans must be approved by institutions and municipalities in the area before the Limerick Generating Station can receive an operating license. I personally have questions about these plans and wonder if other institutions are also considering these issues.

The area where emergency planning is needed include the "Plume Exposure Pathway" and the "Ingestion Exposure Pathway." The Plume Exposure Pathway is the ten mile radius around Limerick where exposure to humans would include "whole body external exposure to gamma radiation from the plume and from deposited materials" and "inhalation exposure from the passing radioactive plume." The Ingestion Exposure Pathway is the area in a 50-mile radius of Limerick where humans would have exposure through ingestion of water and foods, such as milk or fresh vegetables originating in the area.

One hundred thousand people live in the Plume Exposure Pathway: millions live in the Ingestion Exposure Pathway. In view of the population of the area being so large, several important issues seem to have been ignored by the planners.

1. To my knowledge, no studies were done on the practicality of evacuating 100,000 people simultaneously over the highway system we have here.

2. We were originally told that our children would be evacuated to a school near Allentown. Now plan revisions state our students will go to Lansdale. In the event of a nuclear emergency at Limerick, evacuation to Lansdale is no evacuation. The radioactive plume would pass over Lansdale as well because the wind path from Limerick is west to east.

3. Every hospital, old age home and school would have to be evacuated simultaneously. There aren't enough buses in the school district to transport all the children at once. Where will the extra buses come from? Assurances were made that buses would come from Norristown. I question whether bus drivers would risk their lives and leave families to come into the Plume Exposure Area.

4. We were told that in the event of a major accident, such as a meltdown, the children might not be evacuated. The schools might be instructed to close and lock windows and doors and put the children in the center of the building with wet cloths over their noses. Who will make that decision and on what will it be based?

5. We were told that the public would be notified at the "alert" stage. Who will decide what constitutes an alert? The public was not notified at Three Mile Island of the extent of the emergency until after it was over. What assurances and procedures will we have to insure that we are notified?

6. We were told that everyone would be notified simultaneously of the alert by some sort of telephone system. Is the technology for this system available? Can it be put into effect, and if so, will it be in effect before the plant opens? Who will pay for it? What about people who are not near a telephone or television?

"Evacuation plans were adopted by the Perkiomen Valley School Board at their November meeting"

WHAT'S BEING DONE BY YOUR SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITIES????

HAVE THEY APPROVED PECO'S PLANS YET

MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS TO FIND OUT!! WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

7. We were told that if evacuation beyond the "host school" (Lansdale) were necessary, a sign would be placed on the host school door advising parents where to locate their children. There should be a better procedure than that. If radioactive danger is imminent or in progress, the evacuation would probably be further than Lansdale. Parents working in Philadelphia should not have to drive closer to Limerick to find out their children have been moved to Allentown. The ultimate evacuation points should be part of the plan and known in advance, not decided when the evacuation is in progress.

8. The plans instruct schools to lock doors and not to dismiss students into the Emergency Planning Zone. If such an emergency occurs, I as a parent would want to remove my family from the area immediately. I would want to sign my children out of school and take them. Parents should not be denied that option.

9. The teachers are to remain with the children. Were surveys taken of the PV teachers? Will they agree to stay with the students and away from their families? Would there be adequate supervision for the children?

10. In the event that children are kept at school, the plans state that meals will be provided for an indefinite period. St. Mary's has no reserve food. Where will this food come from? Will this food be stockpiled somewhere? Who will pay for it?

11. These evacuation plans will do no good unless they are tried. There ought to be a general evacuation drill before the plans are finalized and adopted.

12. These plans are for an operating problem at the plant. Spent radioactive fuel rods will probably also be stored there. Will the maintenance and security of those also be monitored and will we be notified if storage is threatened?

13. At what level of radioactivity will we be notified? After Three Mile Island the public may be skeptical of assurances that we will be "promptly" notified. Philadelphia Electric should supply radiation testing equipment to municipalities and institutions in the area so they can at least monitor the air radioactivity levels themselves.

We should not listen to those who say "don't worry about the evacuation plans. There never has been or will be a nuclear plant meltdown." Three Mile Island was less than one hour from meltdown. The same human errors and mechanical failures can happen again. The purpose of these evacuation plans is to prepare us to deal with such an eventuality.

We should not rubber-stamp these plans. We are the people who live here. In the event of low level radiation leaks, we expose our children to health risks not now adequately assessed. If there is a meltdown at Limerick, this area would not be habitable and Philadelphia Electric will not buy our homes. All we will have is our families and we ought to insist that we be given the warning and the procedures to protect them.

Karen Nostadt, Schwenksville

PV School Board Considers Lending Buses to County for Emergency Use

By HOLLY HERMAN
For the Times Herald

The Perkiomen Valley school board will vote next Monday night on whether or not to allow the district's school buses to be used for county emergencies, it was announced at last night's work session.

Superintendent of Schools William Westcott said the county Office of Emergency Preparedness has requested that the school board sign an agreement to provide buses for evacuation in the event of any accident, including one at the Limerick nuclear power plant.

"We're dealing with a county plan for all disasters," he said. "We've already committed ourselves to providing vehicles for Limerick."

He continued: "For example, if there is a chemical spill in Upper Perkiomen Valley school district, and they need to evacuate children and adults; they (the county) would like our buses to be available."

The school board had pre-

viously endorsed the latest draft of the evacuation plans in the event of an accident at Limerick, which calls for using the district's buses to evacuate students from both public and private schools.

Board members Pat Marino, Loretta E. Robinson and Ralph Decker expressed concern about signing the proposed agreement.

"If we sign this, and something happens and we can't provide buses... it would make us look bad," Mrs. Marino said.

"I think our children should come first," Mrs. Robinson said.

"In the event of an emergency at 11 at night, you're going to corral our workers to drive the buses," Decker said.

"Their request is way too broad," he added. "I wouldn't want the school board to commit its buses for 24 hour days, seven days a week."

"I'm sure we would be able to find a volunteer person to drive," board member Ernest J. Schmitt replied.

"There is a line of communications we have set up with our

county commissioners. I would have a problem short changing the county commissioners," Schmitt added.

Westcott said that the county would want the district's drivers to drive the buses.

Westcott also announced that he attended a meeting yesterday with officials from St. Mary's School, St. Eleanor's School and consultants to discuss the evacuation plans in the event of an accident at Limerick.

The firm of Energy Consultants was hired by the plant's owner, Philadelphia Electric Co., to draw up the plans for municipalities living within a 10-mile radius of the plant.

"I told the Energy Consultants that I didn't feel it was the school district's responsibility to coordinate with all of the agencies in the district," Westcott said.

He added that another meeting is tentatively scheduled, but the date has not been set.

The board will review a preliminary budget for the 1984-85 school year at 8 p.m. Monday.

Nuke Escape Plan Secret Meeting

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On Tuesday, May 29, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) hosted a 2½ hour worksession, closed to the public and the press, dealing with the Radiological Emergency Response Plans (RERP) for Perkiomen Valley School District and private schools and municipalities within the District.

Those in attendance were: Dr.

Westcott and Bruce MacBain (PV); Sister Mary Kenneth (St. Eleanor's); Rosemary Denshaw (St. Mary's); Mr. and Mrs. Carson (Twin Acres); Fred Crist (Trappe); Cynthia Adams-Westworth (Collegeville); George Greeby, Nelson Eastwood, Joe Maiello, and Lorraine Cuddy (Lower Frederick); George Huguenin (Skippack); and Bill Clossin (Schwenksville).

Lin Bigelow and Tim Hasson hosted the meeting for the County.

Ron Deck and John Cunnington represented Energy Consultants Inc. (ECI), the firm contracted by Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) to write the RERP's in conjunction with local authorities.

This was the first time schools and townships met together to discuss the plans, which the PV School District had already approved months ago.

Although no tangible solutions resulted the night of the meeting, problems were identified leaving one guest with the impression "that the end result will be productive", while another voiced the opinion "if there aren't any more to follow this up, then this one was a waste of time."

The foremost problem brought out in the worksession is the lack of knowledge local authorities have about the plans and the Limerick plant. This has caused much of the hostility expressed by residents at public meetings since their questions cannot be answered readily.

The OEP expressed their willingness to have educational meetings as needed for officials.

Several guests at the worksession felt both the OEP and ECI discouraged ideas of public forums such as Dr. Westcott's to open the PV high school auditorium for a meeting to air residents' questions.

However, as a result of the worksession, the OEP is trying to develop an educational presentation which local authorities could use at public meetings.

Schwenksville Borough is sponsoring such a meeting on June 13 at the Firehouse for their constituents, hoping to enlist needed volunteers after informing the public and answering questions within the realm of their own information. ECI, the OEP, and several other informational sources have been invited to attend.

Lower Frederick Township is also planning to hold a public meeting, but no date will be set until Emergency Co-ordinator George Greeby has more facts filled into the township's plan.

Trappe Co-ordinator, Fred Crist, suggested that residents write their questions in a letter to their municipal secretaries, which would give their officials time to research answers for which an immediate reply at a meeting would be impossible.

Other questions brought up in the worksession were: 1) Pennsylvania State Police responsibilities in the event of an evacuation; 2) where and how would seriously handicapped or disabled residents be cared for during an evacuation; 3) problems with early notification and evacuation of school children; 4) exact sources of buses for evacuating students; 5) who will pay for evacuation costs; 6) misconceptions about the warning sirens and the notification process; and 7) problems with evacuation routes.

Nuke Letter

The following letter to the Editor was released to the Independent:

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to the Schwenksville Item Editor in reply to his editorial of April 19, 1984.

You may know that he is a member of the Perkiomen Valley School Board. He did not publish my last letter to him in Nov. 1983 regarding the evacuation plans. (It was published on Dec. 6, 1983 in the Bucks Mont Courier.) So I doubt he will publish this one.

Karen Nostadt

The letter to the Schwenksville Item referred to above follows:

Dear Editor MacBain,

This is in reply to your editorial of April 19. I disagree with several statements and implications you made.

First, the adoption in November by Perkiomen Valley School Board of the nuclear evacuation plan was a mistake and a disservice to the community for several reasons:

1. The plan has severe faults in general content. Examples: a) the children are to evacuate at the fourth and most dangerous level of accident at the plant. Core meltdown is imminent and there would not be sufficient time to evacuate anyone. b) Evacuation is to North Penn School District. Our prevailing winds are from west to east. With west surface winds of 10 mph, within one hour Lansdale would be covered with radiation. c) Sheltering is one of the "protective" actions in the plan. Because of normal air exchanges and built-in ventilation, the air would be as radioactive inside buildings as outside in one hour.

2. The plan is based on assumptions which are faulty. Examples: a) Extra transportation needed will be brought in from outside. b) Equipment and resources will be provided from some outside source. c) Bus drivers will agree to drive the buses. d) Teachers will agree to stay with the children. e) Thousands of community volunteers will agree to implement these plans.

In six months since PV adopted the plan there has been no indication from the county or Energy Consultants as to the source of extra transportation, radios, food, etc. or how these could get to our area with 180,000 people streaming out. A poll was taken of district bus drivers and several said they would not drive the buses. A poll was not even taken of PV teachers to see if they would stay. There have been indications that community volunteer groups would not cooperate with these plans or that their level of support would not be total. (Example: Skippack Fire Co. voted 33-0 to have nothing to do with the evacuation plan.)

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3. The plan assumes that someone is taking responsibility to implement the Plan. In six months these have not been done: a) North Penn School District has not agreed to act as host school for PV District. b) No training has been made at North Penn to handle busloads of children possibly exposed to radiation. c) A "training" session of PV teachers was given by Energy Consultants. The session was evidently more of a public relations gimmick and was not training. Upper Perkiomen School District received the same "training" and their administration stated they did not consider it training. d) No arrangements have been made for food, supplies, beds, etc. for use in host schools.

4. The plan as adopted contains pages of items left blank and marked "to be determined". These include sources of buses for two kindergartens and two parochial schools covered by this plan.

Second, the manner in which the plan was adopted did not serve the community's interest. Parents and teachers in the district were not informed of the plan's contents or asked for their opinions. St. Mary's and St. Eleanor's elementary schools, which are covered by this Plan, were not contacted for input to the plan, were not notified the plan was adopted, and in six months had still not been told by the District, the County, or Energy Consultants of the Plan's contents.

Third, there was not appropriate skepticism about the Plan. No questions were asked as to when the blanks in the Plan would be filled, what type of training would be given, and who was supposed to accept responsibility to do all the things the plans say must be done.

Fourth, the District does not know what is in its own plan. The Plan states that district owned and contracted transportation is to be assigned first to schools nearest the plant. St. Eleanor's school is nearer the plant than PV North. However, the district transportation official assigned all the buses to the public schools and none to St. Eleanor's. Energy Consultants presumably knows what is in the plan but did not advise the District they were in error on this point.

Fifth, PV District lost whatever leverage it might have had to get a good plan. The plans were prepared by Energy Consultants, hired by Philadelphia Electric. Energy Consultants' interest is to get plans signed by public officials so that Limerick can get its operating license. Energy Con-

sultants will disappear as soon as they have the signed adoption pages. PV's adoption of their plan is a case in point. In six months since the plan's adoption, there has been no further contact or information on buses, food, host school contracts, etc. Other school districts, such as Owen J. Roberts, are in their sixth or seventh draft (compared to PV's third) and they are trying to get a workable plan.

PV could have and should have questioned the plan in detail and listed exactly the resources needed to implement the plan, including numbers of bus drivers and teachers who would not stay, and presented them to Philadelphia Electric to supply. Now there is no reason for Energy Consultants or Philadelphia Electric to supply what we need—the adoption page is already signed.

You stated that there are very few people opposed to the plan. The few people who have had contact with these plans at this state are public officials and all these seem to have major problems with these plans. PV District is the only one which adopted the plan with no questions, and as far as I know the only one which has adopted a plan to date. The District's policy seems to be to keep knowledge of this plan from the public. I suggest that we should get the information to the public and let them make their own decisions. I believe there will be considerable opposition when parents find out what is and isn't in the PV plan.

You imply that PV should not rescind its approval of the plan. I can see only two reasons why they would not: 1) to avoid the embarrassment of admitting they made a mistake 2) to do anything to avoid the implication of being "anti-nuke". The questions here is not whether you believe in nuclear power. The question is whether we as a community can be safe in the event of an accident at the plant. The evacuation plan should have been scrutinized carefully to see if it provided protection to the children. It did not provide protection and still does not. We have lost whatever leverage we had to get a workable plan. The School Board should rescind its approval and work on the plan and demand resources and answers to get a workable plan. If it does not, then it is the one that is criminally negligent toward our children.

Karen J. Nostadt, President
St. Mary's Home & School Assoc.

Nuclear evacuation plan for Upper Perk is questioned

By VIC ATTARDO
Staff Writer

On the cover of a 50-page report detailing evacuation plans for the Upper Perkiomen School District in the event that the Limerick Nuclear Power plant ever springs a radioactive leak are the words, "Prepared by Upper Perkiomen School District."

The report, the third draft of the contingency plans, sets out a complicated series of guidelines and

procedures to be followed in case of a nuclear accident. No school board member or district official has yet commented on those procedures nor has the plan been adopted by the board, as the law says it must, but the draft plan has already come under public fire for the word on the cover: "Prepared by Upper Perkiomen."

The school district says it never prepared the draft. And two school board members have called the title

page "misleading."

Appearing before the school board on Thursday Phyllis Zitzer, president of the Limerick Ecology Action, called the draft's title page, a "deception."

"These are Philadelphia Electric plans. They have been given to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (with prepared by Upper Perkiomen) in order to give the impression that planning is on sched-

ule."

Upper Perk superintendent Dr. Thomas E. Persing told the board the district "supplied information" but did not prepare the document.

Reacting to the word "by," instead of possibly "Prepared for Upper Perkiomen," Persing said the problem may be "technical but a very important one."

"I like to find out why," said Persing the draft says "by."

Zitzer and other members of LEA said the word problem was symptomatic of other problems with the evacuation draft.

LEA member Barty Friedman asked if the board had ever seen a draft of the proposed plans. Officially, the board has not.

But board president C. Edward Mosheim said of the plan, "When it is given to us, you may rest assured it will be discussed at a public board

meeting."

The question quickly arose how LEA had obtained both a draft of the school district's plan and a similar plan for Marlborough Township.

Persing said the plans were available from the Montgomery County Preparedness Commission, but Zitzer maintained they were hard to come by

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PE's evacuation plan has 'unmet needs,' council told

BY GAIL ROHLAND

Staff Writer

Green Lane Borough Council heard complaints from Marlborough Township resident Barty Friedman about Philadelphia Electric Company's draft of a proposed evacuation plan which would be instituted in case of a nuclear accident at PE's Limerick power plant.

"I've been reading the evacuation plans that your borough received," Friedman said, adding, "There's a couple of things I'd like to call to your attention (about the plans)."

Friedman told council that the plan requires that Marlborough Township have six policemen on duty during an evacuation, but the township only has three officers.

"There's a lot of unmet needs that should be looked into," Friedman said about the draft evacuation plan.

"It sounds like it has to be filled out," councilwoman Barbara Brey said about the draft plan.

And councilwoman Lillian Hess questioned how the schools would be evacuated in case of a nuclear emergency at the Limerick plant.

"What I can't imagine is how they're going to evacuate the schools because the school bus drivers are housewives," Hess said, adding, "By the time they got there (to the schools) it seems it would be an awfully long time."

She also questioned plans to evacuate Green Lane Elementary School children to the North Penn schools.

"Why aren't we evacuating our children to one of our own (schools)?" she asked.

Friedman said that there is a possibility, too, that if a really bad accident occurred at the plant, the whole school district would have to be evacuated.

"I just basically came to notify you that a lot has to be filled in," Friedman said about the draft plan.

Council president Richard Tyler said he didn't think anyone on council was that familiar with the draft evacuation plan for Green Lane yet.

Evacuation plan

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At the heart of the matter was the question of what plans were being made for students in the Green Lane Elementary School should a nuclear emergency be declared.

LEA maintained that according to Draft No. 3, November 1983, the elementary school would be evacuated because it falls within the 10-mile radius of the nuclear power plant.

But Persing maintained that subsequent drafts did not call for the evacuation of Green Lane students.

Persing said the Upper Perkiomen schools would be a temporary receiving station for students from the Western Montgomery County Voc- tech in Limerick. Certain vo-tech students, (not Upper Perk students) would then be transferred to the North Penn School District.

But LEA members maintained this conflict of information was typical of the problems being caused by the evacuation plans.

"This is proof of the confusion," said Friedman.

LEA members asked that the school district hold a public meeting on the plans. Persing replied that the plans could not be adopted without board approval at a public meeting.



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February 13, 1984

Mr. Harold Romeike
Director of Maintenance
Upper Perkiomen School District
201 West Fifth Street
East Greenville, PA 18041

Dear Mr. Romeike:

As we discussed on the telephone, all future drafts of the Upper Perkiomen School District Radiological Emergency Response Plan will reflect that a draft is "prepared for" the District, rather than "prepared by."

As I indicated in a letter (November 14, 1983) to Dr. Persing, when the RERP was submitted to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Regional Assistance Committee, the RERP was submitted as a draft and in no way was to indicate review and approval by the Upper Perkiomen School District Board of School Directors. Anyone implying that the RERP is approved is misrepresenting the current situation.

I apologize for any inconvenience and trust that the modified wording on the cover of future drafts will eliminate any confusion in the minds of the public.

Sincerely,

John H. Cunnington
Associate Senior Planner

JHC:jr

cc. Dr. Thomas E. Persing, Superintendent
Montgomery County OEP

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School officials claim no training given for nuclear evacuation

By VIC ATTARDO
Staff Writer

Upper Perkiomen school officials are disputing a statement issued by the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness (EOP) that school personnel have been trained for an emergency in the event of a nuclear accident at the Limerick power plant.

The statement, issued in a press release by EOP coordinator A. Lindley Bigelow, claims that "training has been completed for school administrators, teachers, school bus drivers and other school staff personnel from throughout the county."

But three Upper Perk administrators — Dr. George Bonekemper, assistant superintendent; Fred O. Dietzel, high school principal; and Anthony Fry, coordinator of nuclear emergency plans and assistant high school principal — say there has been no such training.

All three school officials disputed the EOP statement saying it was "erroneous" (Fry); "not correct" (Bonekemper); "not correct as far as I'm concerned" (Dietzel).

At issue in the dispute is whether Upper Perkiomen school officials, teachers and staff consider themselves to be trained well enough to handle problems that might arise during a nuclear accident. In addition,

Bigelow's statement comes on the heels of two other problems which the school district has faced regarding the emergency evacuation plans.

Last month superintendent Dr. Thomas E. Persing questioned the wording of a draft evacuation plan for the Upper Perk schools. On the cover of a plan was the claim: "Prepared by: Upper Perkiomen School District." When the wording was questioned, that the plan was "prepared by" the school district when in fact the district had had little to do with the draft document, it was generally agreed by the Upper Perkiomen school board that the plan should read, "prepared for." Persing contacted the authors of the draft plan, Energy Consultant Inc. of Harrisburg, who agreed to change the wording on future drafts.

The second problem arose with the correction of a map on which the draft plans were based. Until a few weeks ago, the so-called "circle of evacuation" did not include Upper Hanover Township. But an error of a quarter of a mile was found on the maps and suddenly a larger area of Upper Hanover Township was included in the emergency zone. The Upper Perkiomen High School is located in the borough of Red Hill, but a small area of the school district's land lies in adjacent Upper Hanover Township.

Rumor spread that the Upper Perkiomen High School would now be included in the list of schools to be evacuated in the event of a nuclear emergency.

While this contingency is not the case at the present time, there was confusion regarding the rumor. A Marlborough Township official went so far as to say at a public meeting that the high school was now included in the evacuation contingency.

The EOP press release published in Town and Country on March 7 stated that "training, based on emergency plans being prepared by county and local governmental units, consists of information relating to the effects and measurement of radiation as well as training in specific actions that might have to be undertaken."

According to the three district officials, school personnel were given a "presentation" on the plans and, in the words of Dr. Bonekemper, "we don't consider that training."

Bonekemper first commented about the EOP press release on Monday.

"Some of our people took some exception to that," he said. "They didn't think they were trained."

Bonekemper said that Emergency Consultant Inc. put on a program for the teaching staff during a February in-service day. Bonekemper said that the staff did not consider the program to be "a training session" adding, "How could we be trained when the final plan hasn't been accepted yet and we are still in a state of flux. Training is more than just giving information."

Dietzel said the Emergency Consultant program was a "presentation."

nuclear evacuation

"I would not say that was training. I don't consider myself trained. 'Training' is not correct as far as I'm concerned."

Fry agreed with Bonekemper's and Dietzel's assertion, "That's erroneous," said Fry. "That's not true. They gave us some information."

At the Montgomery County EOP Bigelow and a assistant on a joint telephone hookup characterized the school program as an "overview of the evacuation plans ... as to what has to be planned for, who are the participants."

The EOP says it has begun radiological emergency response training to assist emergency organizations should an accident occur at the Limerick plant. Organizations scheduled to receive training include fire, police, rescue, emergency medical, public works personnel, county and municipal officials and staff, employees of health-care facilities, communication dispatches and those associated in the

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School has 'no training'

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field of agriculture.

Bigelow and his assistant said that training differed with each group. They repeated that Upper Perk "has been trained."

"I can't say if they weren't in attendance," he added.

Beside the issue of what constitutes adequate training for a nuclear emergency, high school principal Fred Dietzel said the draft plan he heard reviewed during the presentation was "impossible."

"The plan did not make sense," he said. "It was so complicated I can't remember it. I told them it was impossible."

Dietzel said the plan called for someone to announce, through the high school intercom, that Limerick was having an emergency.

"Can you imagine the panic," he said. "If you have to think in a crisis situation it is not going to work."

Dietzel criticized the draft saying a more "practical" plan was needed. Liking the situation to a fire drill, Dietzel said school evacuations work because they are simple, practiced and an automatic response.

"They (the planners) have to develop a plan where you deal with people who might get emotional. The procedure they were outlining to me was completely impossible," he said.

Each school official interviewed emphasized that the plans are only in draft form and that no action can be taken until they are approved by the Upper Perkiomen School Board after a public meeting.

But many of basic possibilities that might occur in the event of a wide spread nuclear evacuation have not been agreed upon though the plan is in its third draft.

While it is generally agreed (at this time) that the Upper Perkiomen High School would not be evacuated in event of an emergency, there are still questions regarding Green Lane Elementary School and the use of the high school as a relocation center.

Bigelow said it is up to the school district to decide whether or not to evacuate Green Lane Elementary. He also said that there is a proposal for the high school to become a relocation center for emergency services.

Fry said the high school could be used as a host school for students from the Montgomery County Vo-Tech in Limerick. But legal agreements for the host school plan and a proposed mass care center have not been signed by the school district making neither final, Fry emphasized.

Fry said he will participate in the decision on whether or not Green Lane Elementary is to be evacuated in the event of a nuclear accident. Fry said his recommendation would be based on a decision by Marlborough Township officials whether or not the township will participate in drafting emergency plans. (Green Lane Elementary is located Marlborough.)

"They way they go would determine what we do," he said.

Fry said Limerick's evacuation plans are a long way from completion.

"We're dealing with a very complex problem. These are drafts and there will be mistakes made along the way," he said. "It's like war you have to adjust to the situation."

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April 17, 1984

Mr. John H. Cunningham, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

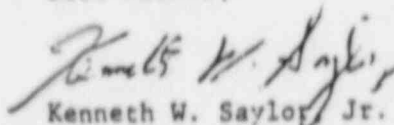
Attached for your use is an update of attachments 1 through 3 of our Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

I have taken the liberty of changing the format slightly for that portion of attachment 1 showing the number of individuals in a particular school. Also, in accordance with our previous discussions I have marked all references to non-public schools as being for "information only."

Dr. Coleman and I recently had a meeting with Father McGuire and John Sengia of St. Pius X High School. At that meeting they were in agreement with us that we should be providing only backup notification services to them in lieu of assuming responsibility for other aspects of the plan as had been previously shown. In this regard, when we assume total responsibility for updating our own plan it is our intention to ask the non-public schools for portions of their plans for inclusion in our plan as information items only.

If you have any questions on any of the above or on the changes as submitted please give me a call so that we might discuss them further.

Best wishes,



Kenneth W. Saylor Jr.
Director of Administrative Services

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Electric fund the employment of a consultant selected by that school district to serve as Pottsville's "agents in the development of an Emergency Evacuation Plan."

Yoder said maybe Souderton Area should hire someone to review the plan to see if it is adequate for the school district. Sierfink said he was concerned that such plans will come in and will just sit on a shelf somewhere.

Weimer asked whether the school district had the right to question or change the county-wide evacuation plan. He added, "I can see the area blowing and this whole plan going out the window."

Dr. Price explained that the district has one school, Safford Hills Elementary, in the 10-mile emergency evacuation area of the Limerick plant. Dr. Price said, "It is impossible for one unit to have a plan that doesn't fit into the total plan. I see a lot of problems with this evacuation plan, but right now I don't see anything better."

The board agreed that Dr. Price should get in touch with the Phoenixville School District indicating that the Souderton district was interested in talking about the evacuation plans.

Board member Mike Bitner reported that his negotiating committee had had two meetings with representatives of the Souderton Area Custodial and Maintenance Association, whose contract expired on June 30. The custodians and maintenance workers have been working under their old contract in the interim.

Dr. Price said negotiations with the district custodians were delayed this year as a group of district custodians had petitioned to disaffiliate themselves from their union, the Pennsylvania School Service Association. However, in a vote of all the district custodians and maintenance workers, the decision was made to retain representation by that union.

Due to the question of representation, the contract talks could not begin earlier this year, and the first meeting was not held until July 10. Dr. Price said, "The talks are progressing and another meeting is scheduled."

Action Tabled On Class Trip Policy; Review Sought Of Evacuation Plans

by Ellen Janschen

Mixed feelings about a proposed new senior class trip policy caused the Souderton Area School Board Monday night to table action on the policy until it could again be reviewed by the board policy committee. The board also discussed plans for participation in an Emergency Evacuation Drill in conjunction with the nuclear power plant being built at Limerick.

Kipper Rippe, chairman of the policy committee, recommended tableting action on the new trip policy after one board member indicated he was not sure that the proposed limitations were justified. Board member William Yoder said, "I'm not convinced that the money issue should curtail the trips. Did the questionnaire sent out to the parents explain that there are fund-raising activities available?"

Yoder also asked Assistant Prin-

an extended class trip."

Dale Nice of Telford, the parent of a senior in the class of 1984 who went on the trip to Florida, said he wanted to "thank the board for the tremendous trip to Florida." He said it was a wonderful travel opportunity for his daughter, and he felt the cost of a little over \$300 was not expensive for such a trip.

Nice added, "I'm sad to see that such class trips are stopping for the children in the classes to come."

The proposed new class trip policy had two options, a one-day trip calling for a suggested 75 percent participation and a two-day trip (two days, one night) calling for a 60 percent participation. The overnight trip would be allowed to sites within a 300-mile radius of Souderton and had to take place on a Friday and Saturday.

Mancini reported at an earlier

board meeting that 143 students, or 42 percent of the class, had participated in the 1984 class trip to Florida. Mancini had said at the June 11 meeting that he wanted to see better participation in future trips, and for this reason the participation percentages had been increased.

The proposed policy also stated, "In planning such a trip, the class adviser will submit to the principal a written request giving evidence of student participation and indicating the cultural and educational values of the trip."

Also at Monday night's board meeting, board member Mike Sierfink questioned the school district's participation in the evacuation plans in case of a nuclear emergency at the Limerick plant. Sierfink said after reviewing the plan he was concerned about it. He said he wondered who from the school district had reviewed the plan or met with the consultants.

Dr. Price said the district had received a full copy of the overall evacuation plans on Monday, but District Business Manager Robert Nardrup had personally seen drafts of the proposal including portions applying to district schools.

Sierfink also referred to a letter written to Dr. Price from the Phoenixville School District asking that Souderton Area consider participating in a committee of representatives from area school districts "to share ideas in the formulation of evacuation plans."

The Phoenixville School District also has proposed that Philadelphia

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N-emergency plan problem areas cited

HARRISBURG (AP) — A study notes several problem areas in the state's nuclear response system, but the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency director said yesterday the state is prepared to handle such emergencies.

The study by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is based on responses from 15 state agencies monitoring or controlling nuclear power plants.

Most of the agencies said they are satisfied they are doing the best they can, although they cited 13 areas where they felt improvements are needed.

But DeWitt Smith Jr., PEMA director, said he feels the state could handle another emergency at Three Mile Island, site of the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident in 1979. He also said contingency plans are being drawn up for the other five nuclear plants in the state.

"From the point of view of planning, we're far ahead of two years ago... we're in sound and progressively better shape," said Smith, whose department would be the lead state agency in such emergencies.

Among problem areas noted in the state are the need for a special commission to study radioactive waste disposal and development of improved statewide communications system.

Commenting on the communica-

tions system, Smith said, "It's good, but it could be better."

The study also recommended the Legislature allocate money so state police and other emergency personnel could have protective clothing and sufficient radiological emergency training.

Also noted in the study was a lack of potassium iodide, which prevents the thyroid gland from absorbing radioactive elements. The study noted the Health Department is studying the problem, which is complicated by the chemical's short shelf life.

The study also said there is no night staff at the state emergency operations center. Smith said a duty officer is available at home at nights, but conceded he would like around-the-clock staffing. That, however, would cost \$200,000 a year — money the agency doesn't have, he said.

The study prompted at least one lawmaker — Sen. George Gekas, R-Dauphin — to ask PEMA to review its emergency nuclear response system.

"We've had our trial-by-fire with the accident at Three Mile Island and from this point on our preparedness should be complete," Gekas said in a news release.

The agencies reporting in the survey said 19 of the 45 emergency activities are ongoing and fully operational. Ten weren't operational and 15 would not be activated unless there was an emergency.

Two lawmakers protest reapportionment plan

HARRISBURG (AP) — Two state lawmakers yesterday protested a proposed congressional reapportionment plan that would split the 17th District along the

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COG unhappy with PE evacuation plans

Pottstown Area Council of Governments (COG) members said Tuesday night they are not happy with the way emergency planning is going for the Philadelphia Electric Co. (PE) nuclear power plant under construction in Limerick.

"You ever have a fox try to tell you how to guard a henhouse?" Charles B. Wunder Jr., the Upper Pottsgrove representative to COG, asked at the COG meeting. "Well, that's what you have now."

Wunder was referring to how a PE consultant is helping townships and boroughs around the Limerick plant plan for a possible evacuation.

He said he also wants to know whether area government officials are going to be told in advance how and when PE will bring its first nuclear fuel to the Limerick plant.

No one was able to answer Wunder at the meeting, but later Tuesday night PE spokesman Ronald Harper told The Mercury that area governments certainly will be notified of the day the fuel will arrive. However, he said he is not sure they will know exactly which truck or train the fuel is on.

"The fuel is not a risk item anyway," Harper added. "Until the fission process begins in a reactor, it's relatively benign." He said the used fuel has the higher radioactivity.

Harper said the U.S. Department of Transportation has charge of the transportation of radioactive mate-

rials, so the department will decide who knows where it is. He said the first nuclear fuel is scheduled to be loaded at Limerick in the summer of 1984, and the plant is to begin operation in early 1985.

At the COG meeting, Carl Seiscio, the Lower Pottsgrove representative to COG, said he was disappointed that only the six COG municipalities participated in the special public meeting earlier this month on Limerick evacuation planning.

In other COG business Tuesday night, members said they expect several fire companies to participate in the May 14-15 seminar at North End Fire Co. on how to handle highway and railroad accidents involving various hazardous materials.

COG also voted to encourage the Saving Pottstown Area Resources and Energy (SPARE) group to continue its efforts next year. The group held 25 workshops, distributed 14,000 brochures, and completed 50 home energy evaluations this past fall, but fell short of its ambitious energy conservation goals.

At the Editor's Desk

'Junk mail' message is unnerving

BY BOB URBAN

"Any mail today?" I asked my wife the other evening when I came home from work. I was hungry and tired, and hoping not to find any unexpected bills or other unpleasant correspondence waiting on the living room hutch.

She handed me a white envelope while I was removing my coat. An old rerun of "The Bob Newhart Show" flashed on the television screen.

"What's this?" I asked. "It looks like junk mail."

"Wait'll you read what's inside," my wife replied. "That'll be a column item for you. It's scary."

The envelope didn't look intimidating. In fact it looked like hundreds of others most of us receive and discard with little thought. It could have been a flyer announcing a store sale, an invitation to "borrow up to \$10,000" from a finance company, or a brochure from a politician or religious group.

The envelope had no lettering other than a postage meter 17-cent first class stamp and a Philadelphia postmark. My name and address were affixed on a little sticker that appeared to be punched out of a computer.

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Inside was a form to be filled out (in duplicate), along with a letter under the heading "County of Montgomery, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Medical Services."

Dear Resident, the letter said:

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness is presently in the process of updating its records to better serve the public in the event of an emergency or an incident at the Limerick Generating Station.

As Director of the Montgomery County OEP, I am asking that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey form, if applicable. Your county Office of Emergency Preparedness and municipal emergency services are responsible for developing plans to protect county residents in the event of a major emergency. The information gathered by this survey will remain confidential to be used only by municipal and county emergency services personnel (police, fire, rescue, ambulance) in a time of emergency such as fire, flood, hazardous materials incident or protective action in the event of an incident at the Limerick Generating Station.

The letter went on to explain how in certain emergencies the special needs of individuals with disabilities must be met. It urged everyone to complete the form as soon as possible and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope. It was signed by Samuel L. Ely 3rd, the county's director of emergency preparedness.

* * *

I examined the form and thought to myself that in the 17 years I had been a resident of Pottstown, never before had I been asked to fill out a survey of this nature — not even after the devastation of Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

The form asked if everyone in my family usually had private transportation available, if my residence had a telephone, and if everyone in my family understood English.

I was quizzed if anyone had a hearing impairment, a speech or sight impairment, if anyone was confined to a wheelchair or bedridden. The survey asked if anyone would need personal assistance, a special vehicle or medical equipment, or an ambulance.

Fortunately, no one in my family falls into those categories, so I was told that I wouldn't have to fill out and return the form. I guess that means that in case of a nuclear accident I'll be on my own.

* * *

It's will be at least a year before any radioactive materials even arrive at Limerick. And despite claims by PE officials that there's no need for concern, many people are tough to convince.

The Nuclear Age scares people. One extremely foggy morning several months ago a distraught woman called The Mercury and, half crying, reported that "the two towers at Limerick disappeared overnight. Where could they have gone?" She was assured that as soon as the fog lifted, the towers would reappear.

About a month ago the paper's switchboard lit up because residents and passersby were concerned about the "giant plume of smoke" that was spotted above Cooling Tower One. The callers were informed in a story the next day that the "plume" was just steam generated from some work being done to test a water system in the tower. But when the steam reappeared a few weeks later, the calls started up again.

Despite assurances, the memory of Three Mile Island remains clear. And, as we continue to fill out emergency forms, the apprehension about the Limerick Power Plant will continue to grow.

Limerick's neighbors plan for the worst

By Rich Heidorn Jr.
Inquirer Staff Writer

Like a family eager to make a good impression in a new town, the builders of the Limerick nuclear plant have been inviting their neighbors to dinner.

Shrimp cocktails, prime rib and unlimited drinks were the fare when the Philadelphia Electric Co. hosted officials of Union Township several months ago at Milos Country House in Limerick.

"They took 40 people from our township — the whole planning commission, the municipal authority, the sewer authority people, and wives or husbands," said Mary Catherine Lowery, emergency operations coordinator for the Berks County township. "I can't imagine how Philadelphia Electric was paying for it all ... [and Union] is one of the smaller townships."

Dozens of officials from municipalities throughout the area were hosted by PE at the restaurant, one of the area's most expensive. They were told about the \$3 million warning system of sirens that PE is installing, and about the consulting firm that the utility has hired to help local officials develop emergency evacuation plans. They were given tours of the plant, being built on the Schuylkill south of Pottstown.

Yet PE, which hopes to start producing electricity at Limerick next spring, apparently has been unable to convince many of the plant's neighbors that they have nothing to fear.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will not grant PE a full-power license for Limerick until there is a "reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken" for the public in an emergency.

To provide that assurance, PE's consulting firm has been working with state, county and local officials to develop evacuation plans for people within about a 10-mile radius of Limerick. PE says the plans will be as comprehensive as those developed for any other nuclear plant in the nation.

But while professional emergency planners on the state and county levels have been generally supportive, the residents and local officials who have been reviewing the plans in recent months have been overwhelmingly critical.

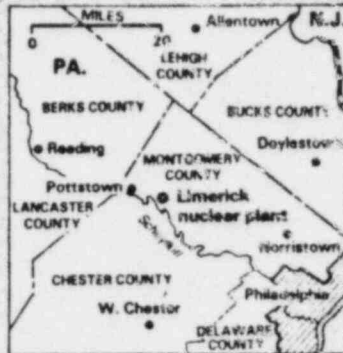
Supporters of the plant say that many of the critics are merely trying to throw one last roadblock in the way of PE's 15-year effort to put Limerick into operation. On Long Island, licensing proceedings for the Shoreham nuclear plant have been stalled for a year by the refusal of county officials to participate in planning.

But even many who say they support nuclear power, and who believe that the plans look good on paper, question how

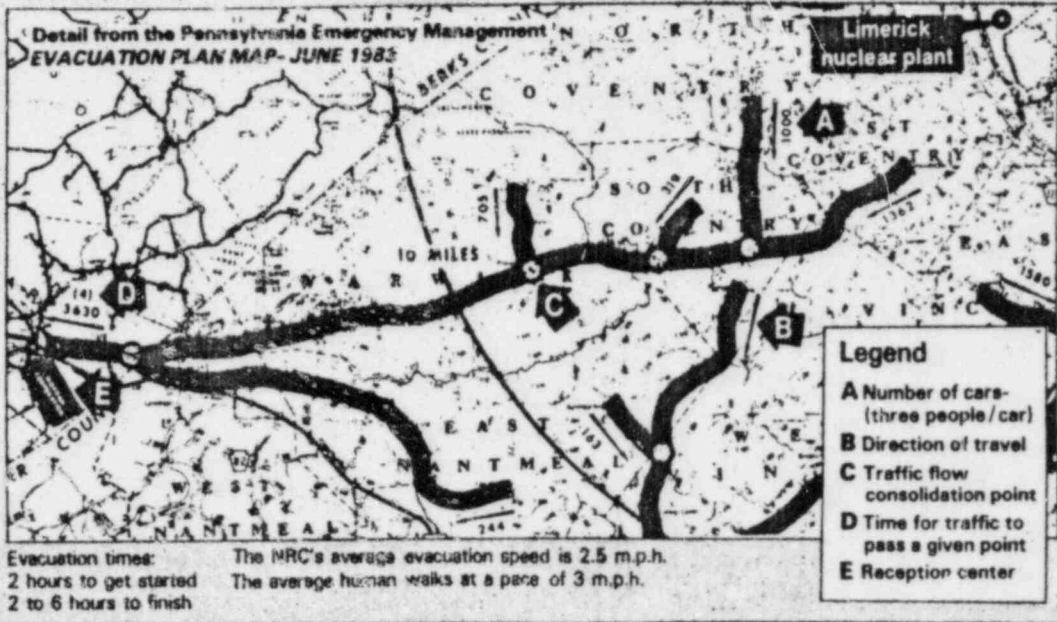
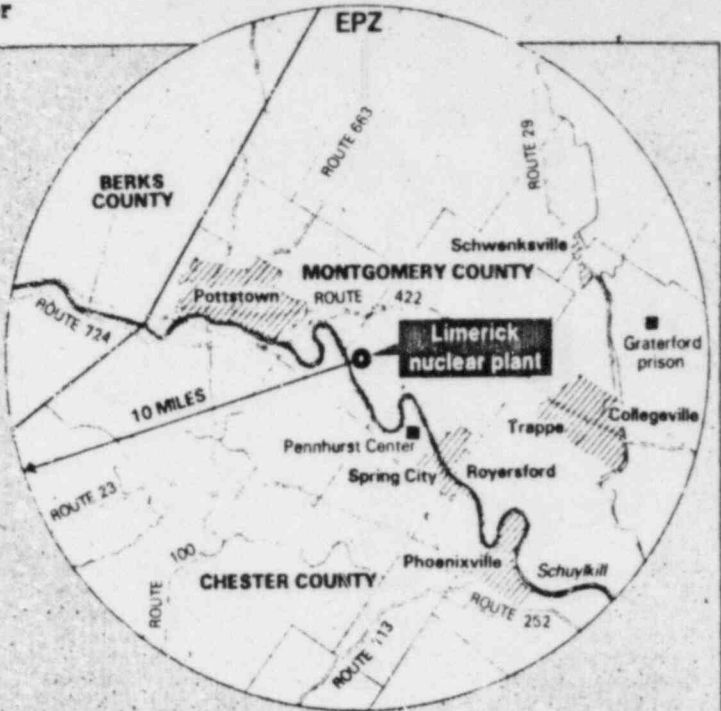
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What's in the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ)

Within 10 miles of the Limerick nuclear plant live about 187,000, in a zone that includes 43 municipalities, 13 school districts, three hospitals, nine nursing homes, the Pennhurst Center for the retarded and Graterford prison, which includes 1,800 inmates.



Population within a 50-mile radius is approximately 5.8 million people



Philadelphia Inquirer/CHARLES CHAMBERLIN

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, Philadelphia Electric Co. consultants have developed an evacuation plan they say is as comprehensive as

those for any nuclear plant in the nation. But residents and local officials question how well those plans would really work.

Limerick nuclear plant's neighbors plan for the worst

EVACUATION, from 1-A

well they would work in practice. And though PE and the NRC say the chance of a severe accident is extremely low, everyone agrees that if there is an accident, protecting the public would be an immense task:

- Limerick is in one of the most heavily populated areas of any nuclear site in the nation, with 187,000 people living within about 10 miles of the plant — the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for which the federal government requires evacuation preparations. About 6.8 million people live within 50 miles of the plant, an area for which state officials are required to plan protection of food and water supplies.

- An evacuation would require unprecedented coordination among local, county, state and federal authorities. The EPZ includes 43 municipalities and 13 school districts in Chester, Montgomery and Berks Counties. Special measures would have to be taken to evacuate residents of three hospitals, nine nursing homes and the Pennhurst Center for the retarded, as well the 1,800 inmates of Graterford Prison in Skippack Township.

- Local planners say they would be unable to provide the hundreds of volunteers or the buses, ambulances or the communications equipment needed to implement the emergency plans. And they say they are skeptical whether those resources could be gathered quickly enough from outlying areas to be of any use.

- Authorities would be depending on PE's siren system to notify residents that an emergency at the plant has occurred. But because the sirens lack emergency power, they could fail in some situations.

- Officials of even the smallest municipalities say it would cost them tens of thousands of dollars to buy the equipment and other supplies needed to implement the plans —

money they say they do not have.

Vincent Boyer, PE's senior vice president for nuclear operations, said that additional safety features were being installed at Limerick because of the area's large population. Those features, along with the experience that the utility has gained at its Peach Bottom nuclear plant, should ease residents' fears, he said.

If there is an accident, he said, "there's more probability of [injuries from traffic] accidents, in running off and evacuating, than the injuries from staying."

But members of Limerick Ecology Action, a Pottstown-based group that is fighting the plant, say they hope to call more than 100 witnesses in hearings before the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board later this year to prove that the emergency plans are inadequate.

The plans envision hundreds of volunteer workers helping in an emergency: maintaining radio communication, directing traffic, staffing shelters for those needing housing, perhaps patrolling the streets to prevent looting. Volunteers also are expected to knock on the doors of the handicapped and hearing impaired to notify them of an accident and to help them and others lacking transportation to evacuate.

Officials are compiling lists of those needing help by mailing questionnaires to residents in the area and by cross-checking them with social-service organizations and local governments. "I think we've gotten as accurate a picture as you're going to get," said Timothy Hasson, training coordinator for Montgomery County.

But the results in Pottstown, the largest community within the EPZ, suggest that many people may have been missed. Based on the 1980 census, planners had estimated that 4,175 of the borough's 23,000 residents would need to be bused away

from the plant. But questionnaires turned up only 605 such people, a discrepancy that planners are now analyzing.

Phyllis Zitzer, president of the 700-member Limerick Ecology Action, said she had talked to many area residents who had never received, or had mistakenly thrown out, the questionnaires.

Whether officials could supply all the volunteers needed is one of the biggest uncertainties in the plans.

When the supervisors of West Pottsgrove Township sent out letters seeking 30 volunteers to help their fire department and small police force, only one person responded, according to township Commissioner Dick Bacchi.

"I'd like to say that it's feasible," said Bacchi, who has worked on the emergency plans for the township and for the Pottsgrove School District, where he is a teacher. "But I have some doubt in my mind that it is."

Ms. Lowery said she doubted that Union Township would be able to attract half the 60 volunteers and backups she believed were necessary to implement the township plan. And she said she had informed the supervisors that she would not be sticking around during an emergency at the power plant.

In addition, volunteer firefighters in Skippack Township voted 33-0 several weeks ago not to accept any responsibilities under the plan that would involve the risk of radiation exposure. Under the emergency plans, firefighters are responsible for providing normal fire protection as well as for driving through their communities with public-address

systems to alert residents of an emergency if the sirens did not work.

Moreover, Skippack's supervisors have said that they will not approve any emergency plans until they have assurance that their residents would not be endangered by an evacuation of Graterford Prison, an operation that state officials believe has never been done at any prison.

"I don't think there's a municipality around that's going to come up with enough volunteers," says Ron Ewing of Warwick Township. "You can come up with the best plan in the world. If there isn't anyone to carry it out, you might as well not have any plan at all. If something happens there, it's going to be every man for himself. All hell's going to break loose."

Limerick Ecology Action's Zitzer said she was concerned that municipalities would not have enough volunteers staffing radios to keep abreast of changes in plant conditions. She said the municipalities' telephone lines were likely to be jammed with calls from residents needing transportation.

A questionnaire distributed several months ago to bus drivers in the Owen J. Roberts School District, southwest of the plant, indicated that only about half would commit themselves to driving the buses in an emergency, leaving the district's seven schools 35 drivers short. The district, which has an elementary school about a mile from the plant, would also need 15 extra buses, in addition to the 43 it uses regularly, to evacuate its schools in one trip.

County planners throughout the region are attempting to supply the workers and equipment that local officials say they cannot provide. If the counties cannot find the resources within their boundaries, they will be looking to the state for support.

Adolph L. Belser, director of plans and preparedness for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, suggested in an interview that elderly people might be hired as emergency drivers for the Owen J. Roberts district, "because senior citizens don't seem to be too doggedly concerned with the whole exercise."

The district could plan to release its children early in a slow-moving accident rather than wait for an evacuation order, Belser said.

But Joseph Clark, an Owen J. Roberts district administrator who is coordinating the district's planning, said he doubted that drivers unfamiliar with the area could quickly find the district's schools, some of which are on obscure country roads.

Many local officials similarly are skeptical about how quickly volunteers and equipment from outside the area could be mobilized in an accident.

Belser, however, said some local officials were making only halfhearted efforts to implement the plan, hoping that criticism will prevent the plan from opening. And county emergency-management officials dispute the notion that emergency workers would flee if the governor gave an order to evacuate.

"We've never been disappointed in the response of our volunteers, especially if the job is explained to them," said Robert Reber, director of the Berks County Emergency Management Agency. "This belief that people will panic is not true. People are very conscious of their neighbors."

"God forbid we have a worst-case accident," said A. Lindley Bigelow, director of the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness. "But people pitch in. You'll have people coming out of the woodwork to help."

Gregory Pirmann, director of planning, evaluation and development at the Pennhurst Center for the retarded in Spring City, is not so sure. He said he doubted that the center would have enough buses, ambulances, staff or drivers to meet needs during an accident.

Pirmann said an evacuation would be impossible at night — when staffing is lowest — unless the entire staff came in to help dress the clients, load them on the buses and supervise them. He estimated that as many as 200 patients would have to be moved in beds or wheelchairs because of physical handicaps.

"Most employees would not come here," Pirmann said. "I would go home and take care of my family before I would worry about the people of Pennhurst. If we had to develop a plan that said the buses didn't come, the people didn't come, we'd have to say we'll sit in the buildings and wait."

"My biggest question would be the desire of people to jump in their buses and drive gaily into the midst of a crisis for people they never knew and never saw," Pirmann said.

Ferd Morro, assistant director for administration at Pennhurst, is more optimistic. "Unless there is an extreme emergency, which is extremely unlikely, there would be sufficient time to mobilize," he said. "People would come to the fore in an emergency situation. . . . I can only go by my own feeling: I have a commitment to Pennhurst."

Morro said the state Department of Public Welfare would send in workers from other areas to help with the evacuation if necessary. But he said he did not know how long it would take to get those workers to Pennhurst.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency observed similar problems in a drill at Three Mile Island in November, when FEMA observers said it would have taken at least seven hours to evacuate Hershey Medical Center.

Montgomery County's Bigelow said his office might call on funeral directors' hearses to help evacuate the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center.

The department estimates that it would have to provide 111 ambulances, 55 more than the county's ambulance services have, to evacuate the hospital.

Local officials also question who would pay for the public-address systems, wall maps, two-way radios, antennas and additional phones and phone lines needed to implement the plans. The financial responsibility should be PE's, they say.

Ron Ewing, chairman of the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors, said it might cost his township of 3,500, only one-quarter of whom are in the evacuation zone, as much as \$150,000 to implement their plan.

Richard Whitlock, chairman of the South Coventry Township supervisors, said it might cost the township as much as \$40,000 to get the gear needed to implement the plan. The supervisors have threatened not to approve the plan unless financial help is provided.

"As a small municipality with only 1,600 residents, with a tax base of \$30,000, [we] can't afford a plan of this magnitude and maintain it. . . . We don't even have a township building," Whitlock said. "I sound like an opponent of nuclear power, and I'm not. I'm concerned mainly about the health and welfare of our community and the cost. . . ."

Chester County officials estimated last July that they had spent \$112,000 in planning for emergencies at Limerick and at PE's Peach Bottom nuclear plant in York County.

PE has agreed to assume some expenses and supply some equipment, but it has insisted that it pay its way through taxes collected and distrib-

uted by the state (nearly \$230,000 in taxes collected from PE went to Chester County and its subdivisions in 1983, the company says).

Company officials note that planning for an emergency at Limerick would benefit local officials in any type of emergency. State law requires all municipalities to have emergency plans, but state officials say few do.

Many of those involved with the plans say they will withhold judgment on them until an emergency exercise scheduled for July 25 is held. Critics, however, say that even the drill will not be a true test, because there will be no evacuation and because the exercise will not be a surprise.

Tim Campbell, director of Chester County Emergency Services, said he believed that the county would eventually have a workable plan but that he expected problems with the drill.

"You have to remember this country has dropped the ball on major emergency procedures," he said. "Chester County has not been involved in mass evacuation planning since the very early '60s."

Roberta Kankus, PE's planning coordinator, said public resistance and doubts would be resolved as people learned more about the plan. "I think a lot of it . . . is a lack of education on the public's part," she said.

Still, PE apparently has a long way to go in convincing its neighbors that evacuation plans for Limerick will work. Of 300 Pottstown-area residents surveyed several weeks ago by the Pottstown Mercury, 69 percent said they believed that they would be unable to evacuate their families safely in an accident.

Schuylkill Township Supervisor Norman Vutiz, who holds a doctorate in nuclear science and formerly worked for Babcock & Wilcox, a company that builds nuclear plants, is one person unlikely to be persuaded by PE. He said the planners were only "going through the motions" to satisfy NRC regulations and had not taken "human reactions" into account.

David Monteith, emergency management coordinator for West Vincent Township, said PE and its consulting firm had done a good job. But he said he doubted that many people would embrace it without reservation.

"I don't think anyone is going to go on the record and say the plan is going to work," he said. "All anyone can say is this is the best plan possible."

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Time is the factor no one can calculate

By Rich Heidorn Jr.
Inquirer Staff Writer

After Metropolitan Edison Co.'s Three Mile Island nuclear plant was shut down in 1979, Charles Wunder Jr., a nuclear-power supporter and Met Ed customer, found his faith shaken and his electric bill doubled.

Now, as a commissioner for Upper Pottsgrove Township, Wunder finds himself having to ensure that his residents remain safe if something goes wrong at Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Limerick nuclear plant, being built five miles south of his frame level.

Wunder, 35, figures that his township's 3,000 residents could be evacuated in six hours. But he worries: "Will we have six hours?"

PE, its consultants and government officials have spent millions of dollars and written thousands of pages of guidelines in planning for

an emergency at the \$3.3 billion plant on the Schuylkill.

Yet the best answer anyone can provide for Wunder's question is "maybe." Time, say the experts, is one thing that even the most thorough plans cannot promise.

"Evacuation studies indicate we may have times when you know you can't get people out," said Tim Campbell, director of Chester County Emergency Services. "When you have a major snowfall and your evacuation time is four to six hours and the plant is deteriorating faster than that, you're not going to get people out."

Of 27 core-melt accident scenarios that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff considered in Limerick's Draft Environmental Statement in December, 18 have warning times of less than 2½ hours. In nine of the scenarios, warning times — the time

between realization that radiation will leak and the beginning of the radioactive release — are estimated at less than one hour.

The NRC study, which emphasizes that such accidents are highly unlikely, estimates that it would take two hours to begin an evacuation within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone around Limerick, the area considered most likely to receive harmful radiation. And the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation estimates that in good weather, it would take residents an additional two to six hours to reach the outside of the boundary.

In other words, authorities could be faced with either sending people onto the roads during the release of radioactivity or advising them to take shelter in their homes.

Experts say that "sheltering" is good protection in releases lasting two or three hours but that it would

not prevent inhalation of radioactive particles during longer releases, because all buildings allow some air seepage.

Of the 18 kinds of accidents studied that anticipate warning times of 2½ hours or less, 10 have releases expected to last three hours or longer.

"After a few hours of exposure," said Joe Logsdon, health physicist for the Environmental Protection Agency, "you've got almost as much [airborne radiation] inside as outside."

How safe sheltered residents would be during a long release would depend on the types and amount of radiation being emitted and on where and how far the radioactivity traveled, according to Margaret Reilly, chief of the Division of Environmental Radiation in the state Bureau of Radiation Protection.

"I just wouldn't want to find myself in that position," she said.

Views on evacuation are aired at public meeting

By PAMELA ROHLAND-KEELER

A crowd of residents living within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick nuclear power plant turned out for a community meeting at the Phoenixville YMCA last week to express anger, fear and doubt about the status of emergency evacuation plans for the area. Invited by Limerick Ecology Action to address the issue was Ralph Hippert, deputy director of plans and preparedness for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), who helped create evacuation plans for Three Mile Island.

Hippert told the group that evacuation plans reviewed by PEMA last fall, which would affect approximately 205,000 people living within the three-county emergency planning zone, are "full of holes and will take a lot of time to improve." Some

problems, he said, are lack of locations for emergency operation centers, uncertainty about use of the siren warning system and questions about notification of private schools.

Hippert strongly denied charges from the audience that Philadelphia Electric Co., owners of the Limerick plant, is pressuring PEMA to approve inadequate plans before the plant begins low-level testing in the fall and starts operation next April.

"PEMA will not submit to pressure from PE in any way, shape or form. Before we submit the plans to the federal government for final approval, PEMA will make sure those emergency plans are workable," he asserted.

He did acknowledge, however, that a nuclear accident could occur in which radioactive material is released into the air, rendering warning signal

and evacuation plans useless.

Hippert announced that a mock drill involving PE, state and county emergency response agencies and volunteer personnel is set for July 25, and though sirens will sound, an actual evacuation of residents will not occur. He explained the move will reveal areas in the plans that need further revision.

A resident asked why people would not be evacuated during the drill, reasoning that it would further test the feasibility of the plans.

Hippert replied, "If you tried a sample evacuation with people, do you know how much money that would cost?"

"You put money before human life!" another resident burst out.

Dick Whitlock, a supervisor in South Coventry Township, charged

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Citizens air views on plans for evacuation

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that Energy Consultants of Harrisburg, who were hired by PE, are formulating plans and submitting them to PEMA before they are approved by the townships. Hippert denied this but conceded that the consultants are acting for PE and want to finish the plans as soon as possible.

"PE is trying to intimidate the townships into compliance with their plans by threatening them with fines," interjected Maureen Mulligan, a Limerick Ecology Action member.

One resident observed that the whole plan is "null and void" because evacuation shelters 20 miles away could also be in danger. Hippert responded that the plans only consider the 10-mile radius because "that is where the Nuclear Regulatory Commission says the problem is."

While the discussion continued, an elderly man from East Vincent Township said wistfully, "I wish Limerick was never thought of."



Reporter photo/Pam Rohland Keeler

PEMA representative Ralph Hippert discusses emergency evacuation plans during a public meeting at the Phoenixville YMCA. Limerick Ecology Action members Suzanne Ercole (l.) and

Maureen Mulligan listen while Hippert tells the audience that response plans in the event of an accident at the Limerick nuclear power plant are "full of holes."

May 7, 1984

Mr. Ralph Hippert
Deputy Director Planning and Preparedness
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Mr. Hippert:

Limerick Ecology Action is delighted that you have agreed to be our guest speaker for the May 9, 1984 Community Meeting to be held at the Phoenixville Area YMCA. (7:30 PM)

I am enclosing the questions we would like you to answer. Our agenda will give you time to quickly address our concerns (25 minutes) before we open up the floor to a general question and answer period (30 minutes).

If you should have any further questions, do not hesitate to give me a call, 215/935-2851.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Brinton

Enclosures: Questions
Directions

COMMUNITY MEETING SPONSORED BY LIMERICK ECOLOGY ACTION

SPEAKER: MR. RALPH HIPPERT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF PLANS AND PREPAREDNESS FOR
PA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MAY 9, 1984/7:30 PM/ PHOENIXVILLE AREA YMCA

AGENDA

WELCOMING REMARKS (5 minutes)

INTRODUCTION(5 minutes)

GUEST SPEAKER: MR. HIPPERT

Prepared questions (25 minutes)

Open questions (30 minutes)

REFRESHMENTS

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QUESTIONS: COMMUNITY MEETING SPONSORED BY LIMERICK ECOLOGY ACTION
SPEAKER: Mr. Ralph Hippert, Deputy Director of Plans &
Preparedness for Pennsylvania
Emergency Management Agency

May 9, 1984

- 1) Please explain the role of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in reviewing the adequacy and workability of radiological emergency response plans for the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant.
How will this information be determined?
How will this information be used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to decide whether or not to issue a full power operating license for Limerick?

- 2) What is the process being used for the development and review of draft evacuation plans being prepared by Energy Consultants, Inc. for the 10 mile EPZ around Limerick?
Who determined the schedule for submission of draft plans to:
the Counties
the State (PEMA)
the Federal Government (FEMA)

- 3) How is this schedule determined? (Please differentiate between "informal review and submission" and formal or "final" submission, with particular reference to a statement by Zori Ferkin, Governor's Energy Council, that, "the counties must adopt their plans before PEMA will submit them to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval."

- 4) What is the current status of development and review of these plans?

- 5) Were municipalities informed that draft plans were being submitted to the state and federal emergency planning agencies for review on their behalf?
Do you consider the current drafts of municipal plans to be "their" plans, Energy Consultants' plans, or some combination thereof?

- 6) Is there a deadline by which municipal, school, and county plans are expected to be "approved" by those entities?
What is it?
Who determines this deadline?

QUESTIONS: (cont) COMMUNITY MEETING/MAY 9, 1984

- 7) What happens if a significant number of these plans are not adopted in that time frame?

- 8) What will occur during the July 25th "test" drill?
Who is expected to participate?(Please discuss what will be tested.)
How will these results be evaluated?
How will the results be used?

- 9) Why are private schools included in the school district plans within which they are located?
Have these schools been informed of this by anyone?
What are the responsibilities of the public schools to the private schools?

- 10) Who is supposed to pay for the costs associated with evacuation planning for the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant?

- 11) Collegeville Boro Council recently asked their solicitor to investigate whether or not there was a way to force PECO to provide insurance for municipalities within the EPZ. Do you have any comments on this?

- 12) What comments have been made by the FEMA Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) on the draft radiological emergency response plans (RERP) submitted to them for review in December 1983?

- 13) When will these comments be made available to the public?

- 14) At the local township and boro levels, the manpower needed to implement evacuation procedures lies mainly in the hands of the volunteer. A volunteer's responsibilities will include "providing municipal security and fire and rescue protection if an area has been evacuated", according to the radiological emergency response plans (RERP). Since evacuation only occurs during a General Emergency (the most dangerous class of "nuclear incident"), volunteers risk contamination when they enter these areas where radiation exceeds EPA exposure guidelines.
In light of the fact that these plans are so dependent upon a fluid population of volunteers carrying out such a dangerous job with only dosimeters and KI tablets to protect them, what assurances will PEMA require from local authorities that sufficient numbers will be on hand to carry them out?
Will binding letters of agreement need to be signed by all "volunteers"?
If not, how will a real number of volunteers willing to participate be ascertained?

QUESTIONS: (cont) COMMUNITY MEETING/MAY 9, 1984

15) Will "volunteers" be adequately informed of the risks they will have to take?

Should a "volunteer" contract cancer, or another illness, at a later time, and it's cause can be determined to have been a result of entering a radiated area during a General Emergency at the Limerick Nuclear Facility; who will bear the responsibility and the cost?

16) Should people at the local level refuse to participate in the plan, who will supply the manpower? County?

State?

National Guard?

July 24, 1984

Ms. Margaret Riley
Division of Environmental Radiation
Bureau of Radiation Protection
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Riley:

At the recent Limerick Ecology Action Meeting in Pottstown I wanted to ask some specific questions about whole body exposure to specific rem counts - but was interrupted - as you were, in replying.

Perhaps you could answer the following questions for me now.

- 1) Who established the 25 rem protective action guide for whole body exposure?
- 2) Why was this figure adopted as being "safe"?
- 3) In our RERP - Draft 5, page 18, E. Pikeland Township - A volunteer Emergency Worker on a Life Saving Mission will be allowed to exceed the 25 rem whole body limit to an upper limit of 75 rems provided:
 - d) The mission will be accomplished in the least amount of "stay time"

What is "stay time" and why is it so important?

and e) The Emergency Workers are knowledgeable of and accept the increased risk in exceeding the 25 rem limit.

What are the increased risks? and what is the initial risk of 25 rems?

Also, you mentioned that the PEMA plan advises Emergency Workers not to exceed a 5 rem dose every half hour. Your plan does not state that - see enclosed page. Should we change the wording for and training of our East Pikeland volunteers. I work on the review committee for this plan and I would appreciate your answers.

Thank you on behalf of LEA for speaking at our meeting. I hope we can continue to count on you for the unbiased information we need to answer our many questions.
Sincerely, Lindsay Brint

COMMUNITY MEETING SPONSORED BY LIMERICK ECOLOGY ACTION
ON EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR LIMERICK

PANEL: MS. MARGARET REILLY, Division of Environmental
Radiation, Bureau of Radiation Protection,
Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources

MR. RALPH HIPPERT, Deputy Director of Plans and
Preparedness, Pa. Emergency Management Agency
(PEMA)

DR. JUDITH JOHNSRUD, Co-Director of the Environmental
Coalition on Nuclear Power -- appeared as a
witness on emergency planning and population
density issues during the Limerick construction
permit hearings on behalf of Limerick Ecology
Action

JULY 11, 1984 7:30 p.m.
St. James Lutheran Church
Price and High Streets, Pottstown, Pa.

AGENDA

WELCOMING REMARKS (5 minutes)

INTRODUCTIONS (5 minutes)

PANEL: 10 minutes per speaker to comment on
prepared questions and remarks (30 minutes)

Open questions from the floor (30-45 minutes)

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QUESTIONS: COMMUNITY MEETING SPONSORED BY LIMERICK ECOLOGY ACTION
ON EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR THE LIMERICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

July 11, 1984

- 1) Please explain the role of "PEMA" and the "Bureau of Radiation Protection" in the development, implementation, and evaluation of emergency plans for the Limerick nuclear power plant.
- 2) Please discuss the purpose of the July 25 'test drill'. Explain the role of "PEMA" and "FEMA" in evaluating the drill.
- 3) Please comment on the following statement made by Philadelphia Electric Company (PECo) about the role of the counties in the July 25 test drill:

"County emergency management agencies should activate staff and support personnel. The degree of activation is determined by the resources necessary to conclusively demonstrate the county's capability to successfully operate critical areas such as reception centers, mass care/decontamination centers, issuance of dosimetry and record keeping, PIO, access and traffic control points, EBS and RACES communications, and risk area school district procedures, etc."
- 4) How will public input be considered before PEMA and FEMA prepare their comments on the adequacy of the drill and the plans themselves?
- 5) When and where will a public input hearing be held? By whom?
- 6) Will there be a public meeting/ briefing or critique held after the drill? If yes, where and when?
- 7) What role, if any, will the press and news media play in the test drill? Will the media be given access to PECO's Emergency Operations Facility? Where else will the media be allowed to observe the drill? Will they be allowed to be at the Technical Support Center?
- 8) Will PEMA allow designated observers from Limerick Ecology Action (lead intervenor for "on-site" and "off-site" emergency planning), to be present as observers at the Hamburg and Harrisburg headquarters during the drill? Does the Commonwealth support LEA's request to have an observer at PECO's Emergency Operations Facility (EOF), and at the Technical Support Center (TSC)?

- 9) What happens if any of the counties or municipalities are not ready to test their plans and decide not to participate in the July 25 drill?
- 10) Are schools expected to participate in the test drill? If yes, to what extent?
- 11) Will decontamination stations be set-up during the drill? What provisions have been made at schools that will serve as staging areas for emergency workers and decontamination centers to insure that children who may be sheltered at the schools will be kept in separate areas away from emergency workers?
- 12) What information or studies will be relied upon to determine whether or not school buildings can be used for sheltering? What affect does air exchange rates have on the decision to shelter rather than evacuate? Has PEMA conducted any studies on air exchange rates in school buildings in the Limerick area?
- 13) Does PEMA believe that emergency response plans must be formally approved and adopted before formal submission to FEMA for evaluation?
- 14) Please comment on the following statement made by Philadelphia Electric Company:

The very existence of the emergency response plans, and the fact that they have been submitted to PEMA and FEMA, reflect commitments by the planning organizations to implement the plans, and (unless someone offers reasons to prove that they will not honor their commitments), it must be presumed that they will.
- 15) Why are private schools included in the public school district plans within which they are located? What are the responsibilities of the public schools to the private schools?
- 16) Are day care and pre-school centers included in the current plans?
- 17) What is an "acceptable" dose or exposure to radiation? How is this determined?
- 18) How are the dosimeters and film badges used by emergency workers in the Limerick area going to be read? Where and by whom? How long will it take to get the results back to emergency workers? How will this be done?
- 19) Who is responsible for monitoring in the Limerick area in the event of a radiological emergency?