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Hon. Nunzio Palladino  
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Dear Mr. Palladino:

You will find below, a letter to the editor from Frank R. Jones, a high ranking official of Suffolk County that is an example of the misinformation that has permeated the community.

I believe it is a duty of the N.R.C. to gather the most respected talents in the scientific community to give the citizens authoritative, definitive information on matters of safety, emergency planning and other basic facts about nuclear power plants.

An educational program endorsed by the widest reaches of government should be immediately instituted to quiet the fears of elected and appointed officials who are trying to protect the public from dangers they perceive as real.

Please supply me with factual material with which I can respond to Mr. Jones. I will expect this in the next few weeks.

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### Why Evacuation Won't Work

Both LILCO and the editors of Newsday have shown on consecutive days ["LILCO's Do It Ourselves Evacuation Plan," May 19, and "Suffolk's Circular Argument Against Shoreham," May 20] that they are unable to grasp even the most fundamental reasons as to why an evacuation plan for Shoreham will not provide for the public safety.

Studies show that when an evacuation of Shoreham is called for, nearly half the population of Long Island will attempt to flee. It will not matter if the evacuation called is for a 1-mile, 10-mile or 20-mile zone. In fact, at Three Mile Island, when an evacuation affecting only 2,800 people was announced, more than 140,000 people left their homes. In Suffolk County alone, some 600,000 people will attempt to flee when an evacuation is announced. When that number of people appear on Suffolk's roads, traffic will come to a virtual halt and the total time to evacuate is estimated at 14 to 30 hours. Half the cars will run out of gas in only 10 hours.

It's during the 14 to 30 hours needed to evacuate that the radiation release which may come from Shoreham will pass over the heads of those fleeing, depending upon wind direction. It is that exposure to radiation which experts have estimated can cause 1,800 early deaths and 7,000 latent cases of cancer in the population.

Thus it matters not whether it is Suffolk County government, LILCO's work force or the entire editorial board of Newsday that is out there directing traffic, towing disabled cars and lending medical assistance. It will still take 14 to 30 hours to evacuate. The radiation plume, if released, will still pass overhead. And the health consequences to the public will still take place. That is why it is impossible to have an evacuation plan for Shoreham which protects the public. And that is why virtually every elected official in Suffolk County government opposes the opening of Shoreham.

LILCO and Newsday's editors have apparently passed through Alice's looking glass into Wonderland and are in danger of never returning to reality on the issue of Shoreham evacuation. Maybe it's something in the tea the Mad Hatter serves.

Frank E. Jones  
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Hempstead