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TO:

All Spring-Ford Employees

FROM:

William A. Welliver, Ed.D., Superintendent

SUBJECT: Radiological Emergency Response Plan Survey

Government agencies, including school districts, located within a ten mile radius of the nuclear-fueled reactor under development in Limerick Township are currently involved in the development of plans to respond to various types of incidents which potentially can occur in the operation of such facilities. The impetus for such planning lies in State law and regulation rather than voluntary effort to assist private enterprise in resolving some of the issues which must be addressed in the process of bringing the plant to operating status.

Any plan which may be developed by your school district will be designed to provide a prudent response to an emergency for which the school district has neither responsibility nor control. Such plans will not assure the safety of youngsters. Only safe operation of the reactor facility can provide that degree of security. The school district's response will be that of addressing a moral and expected obligation of governmental agencies to promote the safety and welfare of those whom they serve.

Emergency evacuation plans are developed in anticipation of need, but with little expectation that the occasion for their implementation will ever arise. This statement has a factual basis without any effort to assess the potential risk associated with the operation of the plant. School will be in session during only about 16-17% of the plant's annual hours of operation. Any incident occurring during 84% of the total operating hours involves little or no responsibility for the school or its personnel. During those hours when school is in session, low-level incidents can occur at the plant without any other than preliminary readiness activities being implemented by administrative personnel.

Major incidents, of which there has only been one in the history of the nuclearpower industry in this country, can involve the responsibility of sheltering or evacuation if the incident occurs during school hours. A sheltering advisory will be issued only under circumstances in which the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency deems remaining indoors to be less hazardous than leaving the minimal protection afforded by most structures. Shelter advisories are probably appropriate only under circumstances in which radioactive gases have been emitted and are expected to be quickly dissipated by prevailing winds.

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The need to evacuate students by bus to a host school district (Colonial, for this school district) can occur during a major incident by executive order of the Governor of the Commonwealth. The success of any such evacuation will depend on the availability of all necessary resources, the highest possible level of organization and coordination among a number of agencies, and a reasoned and rational response by most citizens.

The purpose of this memorandum is to determine the district's resource needs to adequately supervise students during an evacuation order. Staff services will be required to accompany students to the host school district and to supervise them at that location until they are picked up by their parents prior to 8:00 p.m. Faculty presence on school buses will be essentially to address the emotional and stress reactions which may be anticipated.

Each of you will have to decide what your personal contribution can be during an evacuation order. Although you may have a greater concern for the safety of your own children, it may be well to keep in mind that the circumstances during a general evacuation may be such that teachers in the district which they attend or your neighbors may be able to provide for their safety more adequately than you will. Travel from your worksite to your home could be difficult, if not impossible. However, it is not my purpose to persuade you to do other than that which your primary sense of responsibility counsels.

Please complete the attached survey form and return it to your principal as part of your check-out materials on Wednesday. Your responses will be interpreted as an expression of your intent, but not as a final commitment. You may modify your expression of intent at any time, but you should advise your principal of the change in your position on a timely basis. You may be assured the results of this survey will be used solely to determine whether adequate staff members will be available to handle an evacuation or whether additional assistance will be required from other sources. I assure you that a negative response will be interpreted as evidencing the existence of a major personal responsibility which prohibits your participation in the supervision of a school district evacuation. You may anticipate that no judgement which has any bearing on your employment or assignment with the school district will occur as a result of your participation in this survey. Thank you for your cooperation.

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RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN SURVEY

1.	I will not be able to participate in supervising students during a general evacuation.	
2.	I will be able to participate in supervising students during a general evacuation.	
	(Check all	which apply):
	a.	By supervising students on school buses
	b.	By supervising students on school buses and at the host school district
	c.	By driving my personal automobile to the host school to participate in supervision at that point.
	d.	By transporting students in my personal automobile to the host district.
	e.	By driving a bus to the host district (requires appropriate license).
3.	I am uncertain as to whether I could participate in the supervision of students during a general evacuation.	
	The respo	nse/s noted above express my intent and is/are provided only for ourposes.
		(Signature)