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Former prison eyed for nuclear power plant



The Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development submitted a proposal naming the former Camp Monterey shock incarceration facility in the Town of Orange, which closed in 2014, as a potential site for nuclear power generation. THE CORNING LEADER FILE

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Several organizations opposed to a proposal to locate a nuclear power plant in Schuyler County have organized an informational forum on the plans, but local officials say those concerns are premature.

Last year, Gov. Kathy Hochul asked the New York Power Authority to develop 1 gigawatt of nuclear power — enough for about 1 million homes — in upstate New York to power some of the data centers and manufac-

turing hubs planned for the upstate region.

Schuyler County was among eight potential hosts that responded to requests for information from the New York Power Authority.

In December, the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPEd) submitted a 433-page proposal naming the former Camp Monterey shock incarceration facility in the Town of Orange, which closed in 2014, as a potential site for

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FBI warned agencies of Iran's threat to U.S.

White House sought to downplay risk of attack

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WASHINGTON — The FBI warned U.S. state and local law enforcement of an elevated threat posed by Iran's government to targets in the United States last month even as the White House sought to downplay the likelihood of an attack, a law enforcement intelligence report reviewed by Reuters shows.

In the March 20 report, the FBI and other federal intelligence agencies cautioned that the Iranian government "poses a persistent threat" to U.S. military and government personnel and buildings, Jewish and Israeli institutions, and Iranian dissidents in the United States.



Trump

Despite those warnings, the FBI and National Counterterrorism Center had not identified broad threats to the American public, the report said.

President Donald Trump publicly has minimized the possibility of Iranian attacks on American soil in response to other intelligence assessments in recent months. When asked outside the White House on March 11 whether he was worried about Iran perpetrating an attack in the United States, Trump said, "No, I'm not."

Trump said on April 7 he had agreed to a two-week ceasefire with Iran.

The March 20 report — titled "Public Safety Awareness Report" — was issued weeks after Reuters and other news outlets reported that the White House blocked the release of a similarly described intelligence product. At the time, the White House said it was ensuring any information was properly vetted before release.

"The entire Trump administration is working together to protect the homeland and the American people — as they always do," White House spokeswoman Abigail Jackson said in a statement. "Media outlets should not attempt to irresponsibly sow fear by reporting on individual law enforcement memorandums that may lack broader context."

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Hochul rival Blakeman sues over denied NY campaign funds

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Nassau County executive and Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman is suing the state's Public Campaign Finance Board after he was denied matching campaign funding last week.

During the board's meeting on Tuesday, March 31, members determined Blakeman, along with five other candidates, were not eligible to receive additional funding for their campaigns due to a paperwork error. In Blakeman's case, board members said his running mate, Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood, did not file his own paperwork applying for matching funds.

The joint application rule only went into effect in December, Gothamist previously reported, and Republicans on the board chastised the decision, saying candidates weren't notified of the need to file a new joint certification with their picks for lieutenant governor and that the form to do so was not created.

Blakeman was set to receive as much as \$7 million through the program, other news outlets reported.

The lawsuit was filed by Adam Fusco, an attorney for Blakeman's campaign, in the state Supreme Court in Albany on Wednesday, April 8.

At the time of the denial, Blakeman's campaign said it was "no surprise that Kathy Hochul's handpicked appointee would vote to take away funds" from the Republican candidate as the board voted along party lines, 4-3.

"Kathy Hochul tried to rig the system and silence all opposition like they do in third world countries," Blakeman said in a written statement on Wednesday.

"I'm going to make sure Kathy Hochul finally answers for her disastrous record — the highest taxes and highest utility bills in America. The coverups end now."

When asked for a response to Blakeman, Hochul's campaign referred back to a previous statement

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Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, left, was nominated to run for New York governor at a Republican convention on Long Island on Feb. 11. With him was running mate Todd Hood, the Madison County sheriff and candidate for lieutenant governor. PROVIDED BY BRUCE BLAKEMAN'S CAMPAIGN

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