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Subject: Indian Point relicensing

Dear ASLB Judges and Ms. Siarnacki:

As a Westchester County Legislator with a strong commitment to the environment and to the wellbeing of my constituents, I am writing to urge you to deny the Indian Point Nuclear Plant a new 20-year operating license.

For many years we have felt how inappropriately placed this nuclear plant is, from numerous perspectives. With approximately one million residents, Westchester County is one of the most densely populated areas in the United States and is surrounded by water. Any possibility of an evacuation should one be required in an emergency is ludicrous. In addition, the ramifications of a high impact event on this area, with its proximity to Manhattan, would be disastrous economically as well as environmentally.

Although not widely known, Indian Point was built on the Ramapo Fault, to design basis standards from the 1960's. A few years ago, a second intersecting fault running from Stamford, CT into Peekskill, was identified with a potential for a 7.0 magnitude event. This information further compromises the safety of what is already an unsafe situation.

Of huge import to me is that analysis of US CDC county by county data shows that the three counties that surround Indian Point – Westchester, Rockland and Putnam – all have statistically significantly higher thyroid cancer rates than the nation overall. Further, recent reports from both Germany and France indicate that childhood leukemia rates are elevated around nuclear power plants.

The fact alone that there is no viable solution for disposal of the waste materials from this or any nuclear plant should be enough of a deterrent. We are creating vast quantities of poisons which generations ten to twenty thousand years in the future will bear the brunt of.

Again, I ask that you act in the best interests of public health and safety by not recommending new licenses for Indian Point.

Sincerely,

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