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Commemorating the eleven-year anniversary of 9/11 this week reminded me of how vulnerable Indian Point is to terrorists' suicide attacks.

Entergy officially took over Indian Point September 10, 2001, and the following morning a United 767 flew over Indian Point enroute to crashing into the World Trade Center Towers. The terrorists specifically contemplated attacking nuclear power plants with airplanes. Jumbo jets did not exist when Indian Point was designed and is, therefore, incapable of withstanding such an event.

I live in nearby Yorktown Heights, and since that fateful day, say a little prayer every time I hear a plane flying overhead. My main concern is the lack of a feasible emergency evacuation plan. You have to live here to know there is absolutely no way to bring our residents to safety on the congested roads in this area, many of which are under repair. This has been confirmed by former Homeland Security Commissioner James Lee Witt's report.

In addition to the above, the fear I have is due to the aging and deterioration of Indian Point. Many of the pipes are corroding and can't even be properly inspected because they are underground; radioactive leaks are being detected resulting in a rise in cancer rates, as well as polluting our beautiful Hudson River and impacting endangered species; onsite storage of radioactive waste is hazardous; transformers exploding; cooling tower issues; security issues; AND to top it off, Indian Point sits on top of the Ramapo Fault! The recent Japanese nuclear crisis reminds us of this chilling prospect and its horrific consequences.

Today, a nuclear power plant would never be built so close to heavily populated New York City, Westchester and Rockland counties. I don't understand why the NRC would consider extending the license of this problem-plagued facility for another twenty years. The NRC's commitment should first be to protect people not profits; to take a proactive approach rather than risking millions of lives.

Simply put, Indian Point is an accident just waiting to happen. It's especially scary in light of the devastating events in the last couple of days. The fragile relations and growing anti-American hostility around the world doesn't give me any comfort knowing Indian Point sits looming in my backyard, a perfect target to our enemies.

All we ever hear from Entergy is "Indian Point is safe and secure." You would be surprised, though, after reading about the shocking \$1.5B lawsuit filed this week by an Indian Point Security employee! I don't think the NRC would want to have it on their conscience if a threat all of a sudden becomes a reality!

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