

Docket, Hearing

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Subject: Please close Indian Point.

My husband and I and our 5 year old son live in Cornwall NY. We want Indian Point plant closed as soon as possible. It is not worth the risks. We are within a 50 mile radius. We would lose everything, NYC would lose everything, our country as a financial leader would lose everything. It is simply not worth the risk. To me it is simply criminal to keep that plant in operation and the weak - nosed politicians and rubber stamping bureaucrats who allow it to happen should all be standing next to it when it goes. Also, they should eat the fish that swim around it. Disgusting greed is the only reason it is still in existence and denial to the danger of the realities of the plant. It makes me so angry when I think of the arrogance. Good people who oppose this plant are constantly drowned out by their ugly pr attack dogs. It's time to acknowledge the dangers, stop padding your pockets, and do the right thing for once. Somehow people swallow lies that will destroy them; the Japanese people who have lost everything, whose beautiful lands are forever ruined, it breaks my heart to see them crowded into schools, municipal buildings, their life's work destroyed. The natural beauty and artistic heritage of the hudson river is unrivaled. What arrogance allows this farce to go on? GREED.

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More than 1,500 tons of radioactive waste stored in unfortified containers on the banks of the Hudson River at Indian Point. If the two nuclear reactors operate for another 20 years, Entergy would add another 1,000 tons of nuclear waste to containers New York State has described as "vulnerable to attack." What's more, carcinogenic radioisotopes from the plants have been leaking into the Hudson River since at least the early 1990s.

More than 1 billion dead fish and other organisms, killed by Indian Point's cooling water intakes every year. Indian Point uses more than 2.5 billion gallons of water per day, sucking river life in with the water. Clean water laws require the use of the best available technology to reduce the environmental damage, but Indian Point's owners have refused – for decades – to upgrade to modern technology. The slaughter helps explain why 10 of 13 signature Hudson River species are in decline.

An "unworkable" evacuation plan. After extensive study, James Lee Witt, the former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, flatly declared Indian Point's evacuation plans "unworkable." What's more, the evacuation plans cover just a 10-mile radius around the plant, when fallout could easily spread 50 miles or more.

More than 20 million Americans at risk. A disaster here on the scale of the meltdown at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant would endanger millions in and around New York City and the Hudson Valley. The economy of the country, and indeed the world, could be shaken by such a catastrophe.

We don't need Indian Point's power. A 2011 study commissioned by Riverkeeper and NRDC found that without Indian Point, the region would have a surplus of power through 2020, and could replace Indian Point many times over with investments in renewable energy, efficiency and transmission. The cost would be as little as \$1-\$5 per month for the typical homeowner.

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