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I am writing to oppose the relicensing of the Indian Point nuclear plants in Buchanan , New York.

During the last forty years for which they were designed, many accidents have occurred including leaks, fires, and explosions. Many fish have died as the result of failed systems that were supposed to keep fish out of the intake pipes. The holding pools for spent fuel rods have become full and overcrowded as the national repository for this sort of material never came into being. New fault lines have been discovered under the plant. Planes flew over the plant on their way to the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers. The evacuation plan has been declared unworkable by the surrounding counties.

This short list of the problems associated with the plant has been addressed with spin and public relations as much as with working solutions. And this is unacceptable to the people who live near the plants. We don't believe that many of these real problems will be addressed in the relicensing process, either, because they were not part of the original licensing process. We believe that many of the the exemptions given over the years to address the problems of embrittlement, questionable insulation against fires, more time for local fire departments to arrive on the scene in case of accidents are unjustified. We have come to believe there can be no serious effort to address the long term problem of radioactive leaks into the Hudson as more pipes become embrittled. Recently the problem was declared to be so severe that it should prevent a desalinization plant from being considered for Haverstraw Bay. We don't believe that there is any long term solution possible for spent fuel rods. In fact they are to be left right here where it doesn't seem likely that they can be safeguarded for several thousand years. So why add to them? We are not impressed by the flimsy holding tanks currently used for the spent fuel rods. The answer to no possibility of evacuation is to advise us to remain in place.

And the final argument that is supposed to trump all is that there will be an economic catastrophe if this electricity is withdrawn from the grid. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE. There are many credible alternatives on the drawing boards and in the process of being built. The Independent Operating Engineers see no problem. If we can live without the electricity from Indian Point then it is surely immoral to subject us to the environmental consequences of their being here.

Yours truly,

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