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AND:
Administrative Judge Lawrence G. McDade
c/o Anne Siarnacki, Law Clerk
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sirs:

My family home is in Croton-on-Hudson and I have lived with the concept of Indian Point for most of my life. Before the plant was even built, my father, a young meteorological engineer at NYU, was asked to build a 300-ft tower on the site of the present facility and take wind measurements of the air movement in the Hudson corridor. My brother and I sometimes accompanied him at 3 a.m. to watch him climb the tower and tend to the instruments. There were hearings of various sorts, the reactors were created and fired up, and we've lived with threat of nuclear technology in our midst ever since.

You are already aware of the studies and reports over the last two decades that have revealed safety issues, leaks that had no one had been aware of for years, high cancer rates in surrounding counties, an unworkable evacuation plan, and altered assessments of the seismic risks.

You are also aware that underground and inaccessible pipes may be leaking at the present time, that the population in the area has grown tremendously since the plant was first built, that the short-term storage of spent fuel is over capacity and not adequately protected, that long-term storage is an unresolved issue nationwide, and that the current technology that can be used for terrorist attack had not been envisioned when the plant was originally built.

Apart from these very severe threats to local residents, the government entered into an agreement with the nuclear industry that can in no way compensate us should there be an accident and the release of radiation. Those of us who would be able to get out would be walking away from everything we own. Most would not be able to

salvage their livelihood or their health. When I went to high school, we had to practice crawling under our desks to protect against nuclear attack. How foolish that was, but both the evacuation plan and the remain-in-place strategy are equally absurd. I can just see moms and dads remaining in place while their kids are still outside uncollected in the irradiated outdoors. Someone's just making this stuff up as they go along. None of it will save or protect any of us.

You keep talking about the loss of jobs or the price of electricity. None of that can compare to the loss of life or damage to health and property that people in the ten-mile radius of Indian Point would necessarily sustain.

Do not relicense these plants. They were not meant to last another twenty years, especially in such a populated area. Even shutting them down will take decades, and you are asking local residents to bear the risks for a for-profit company. That's outrageous.

Julie Woodward
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