

**Docket, Hearing**

**From:** joeconway@grmha.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 16, 2012 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** Don't Relicence Indian Point---get into the next century not the last!

top reasons not to recommission the plant>>>>

It is built on an earthquake fault line!

There is no plan to permanently store the nuclear waste safely.

It is ancient and primitive technologiclly one of the very first in the nation.

There is no evacuation plan that is feasible for the 20 million people who live in the wake of an accident and down wind.

There have already been dangerous leaks planned and mishaps at the plant.  
We need to adopt new solutions for the 21st century not rely on primitive ones from the last.

We can replace with renewables and more efficient useage.

It should not be add to the list ; Three Mile Island, Chernobyl , Fukushima,..... NewYork city and our economy would be destroyed if there were a signifcant explosion or melt down.

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Call to Action - Write the NRC "Don't Relicence Indian Point"  
From: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater <commun@clearwater.org>  
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## Call to Action

### Please Write to the NRC Today

You have until **Saturday, September 15** to submit your statement to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for consideration in the upcoming Indian Point relicensing hearings. **Please write today** and tell the NRC to close Indian Point for the health and safety of everyone, and for the benefit of our environment.

#### Don't miss your chance to be heard!

Create your own personalized message or use the sample letter provided below.

Please email your letter to the NRC  
to: [hearing.docket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearing.docket@nrc.gov)

*Indian Point is located at 25 miles north of New York City on the Hudson River at the intersection of two earthquake faults, the Ramapo fault and the Stamford-to-Peekskill fault line. 20 million people live or work within 50 miles of Indian Point, yet experts say that evacuation plans are severely deficient. To learn more, click the link to visit the*

[Clearwater Indian Point Campaign web page](#)

#### SAMPLE LETTER

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#### Indian Point in the Media

The Journal News

[NRC gets letters, emails on re-licensing of Indian Point](#)

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Leonard Lopate Show

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NYT OpEd

[Indian Point: The Next Fukushima?](#)

WAMC Public Radio

[Indian Point: Fined & Scrutinized](#)

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[NY Lawmakers Call for Better Evacuation Plan at Indian Point](#)

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I am writing to urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to deny Entergy's application for a 20-year license extension for the two operating nuclear reactors, IP-2 and IP-3, at Indian Point Energy Facility in Buchanan, NY.

Indian Point is located in the most densely populated region of the country and identified as one of the most dangerous nuclear plants in the nation, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) itself. Over the years we have witnessed serious nuclear accidents at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island, and most recently at Fukushima. In August 2011, New York experienced the effects of an earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and a tornado all in one week. It is no longer prudent to believe that "It can't happen here."

**There are many factors that make Indian Point's relicensing flawed, and make denying it imperative, including:**

**A History of Serious Problems:** The plant has a history of multiple transformer explosions, a major steam pipe rupture, clogged cooling system intakes, repeated siren failures - and is a sitting target for terrorism.

**Dangerously over-crowded fuel pools:** The plant's spent fuel is highly radioactive and contains about three times the radioactivity as Fukushima's spent fuel pools. Spent fuel assemblies are densely packed into severely over-crowded fuel pools that are housed in totally unprotected metal storage buildings and leaking radioactivity into the Hudson.

**On-Site Waste Storage:** When the plant was first licensed, it was widely believed that the federal government would open a national waste depository at Yucca Mountain. That option is no longer under consideration and there is no other repository on the horizon. Indian Point is now storing 1,500 tons of highly-radioactive spent nuclear waste on-site, and would add an additional 1,000 tons if the plant is relicensed for another 20 years.

**Health and Environmental Impacts:** Studies have shown increased rates of cancer and other illnesses related to exposure from planned and unplanned releases of radioactivity. Indian Point's once-through cooling system uses 2.5 billion gallons of water a day from the Hudson River, seriously impacting its still declining fish population.

**Evacuation is Impossible:** Even if the possibility of an earthquake, a terrorist attack, or a fuel pool fire or other

## NRC Denies Indian Point Contention

MidHudson News Network  
Clearwater, challenging Indian Point relicensing, alleges evacuation plan biased against certain groups

New York Times  
Vision for Affordable Energy Even if Indian Point Nuclear Plant Is Shut Down

## Resource Links

### The Witt Report

Clearwater's testimony before the NRC's Safety Licensing Board

Nuclear Accident at Indian Point: Consequences and Costs

## Eyewitness Fukushima

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### **Emergency Responders Conference March 5, 2012**

In memorial to the March 2011 nuclear disaster at Fukushima-Daiichi, four eyewitnesses from Japan met with First Responders from the region surrounding Indian Point nuclear power plant.

accident at Indian Point is remote, the consequences of a serious problem at Indian Point would be devastating. Approximately 20 million people live or work within 50 miles of Indian Point and there is no evacuation plan for New York City. Within minutes of an accident or incident at Indian Point, gridlock would occur making evacuation impossible.

**Replacement Energy is Readily Available:** Nuclear power is being replaced by energy efficiency and renewables, repowering and improved storage and transmission capability. Governor Cuomo's Energy Highway is currently addressing ways to bring excess power, including 4,000 megawatts of wind in the western part of the State, to the greater NY metropolitan area. In January 2012, the NYS Assembly Committee on Energy concluded that there is more than enough power to allow Indian Point to close without overburdening ratepayers or threatening reliability standards.

To relicense Indian Point in its present location and condition defies logic. To do so is playing a dangerous game of Russian roulette with our lives and future, when safer, cleaner alternatives are immediately available.

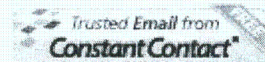
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