



January 21, 2004

Honorable Nils J. Diaz
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Diaz,

Please find enclosed 12 letters from concerned citizens in the New York Metropolitan Area calling for the closure of Indian Point's two nuclear reactors. We hope that you take the time to read the personal thoughts that were shared.

Riverkeeper, along with an increasing amount of families, communities, and government, business, civic and environmental leaders throughout the tri-state area, remains deeply concerned about the risk Indian Point poses to our region. As you know, Riverkeeper has not been, nor are we now, an anti-nuclear group as such, although we have taken Indian Point to task in the past for its fish kills and other detrimental cooling water impacts. However, a catastrophic release of radiation from IP, caused by a terrorist attack or nuclear accident, would likely devastate the Hudson River ecology and contaminate, perhaps permanently, the New York City/Westchester water supply – precisely the two resources we seek to protect.

Indian Point has become a risk to our region's residents, economy and environment. This is a risk we are not prepared to take.

With Indian Point shutdown, the ecological integrity of the Hudson will be more secure, as will our water supply and the twenty-million people who live within fifty miles of the plant.

Sincerely,

Alex Matthiessen
Hudson Riverkeeper
& Executive Director



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Dear Dr. Diaz,

As you know, your agency and independent nuclear safety experts alike have acknowledged that a successful attack on a plant like Indian Point could lead to a catastrophic release of radiation causing tens of thousands of acute and long-term cancer deaths as far away as 500 miles or more.

The NRC policy states that a nuclear power plant should not be able to operate without a workable emergency plan. Further, the Witt report, commissioned by Governor Pataki, concludes that the current evacuation plan is unworkable. Therefore, I move that the NRC withdraw Indian Point's operating permit immediately.

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[Handwritten Signature] 11/28/03
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Jeanne Frev