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Dear Mr. Holian,

On behalf of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC), I am writing to request that the technical meeting – in which Entergy officials will present to the NRC the details of their proposed dry cask storage system at Indian Point – be held in Westchester County instead of the NRC's regional office in King of Prussia, Pa. Since this meeting, which is open to the public for observation, is the first opportunity for the public to learn more about this proposal, it should be held locally where it will be accessible to the citizens who live in close proximity to the proposed storage facilities and would most immediately be affected by any plan for on-site storage of toxic materials. Holding the technical meeting out of state would prohibit the participation of those whose health and safety it is meant to protect in the first place. The communities around the plants are depending on this information first hand and in full. The planned meeting site represents an insurmountable obstacle for most concerned citizens.

In addition, while we are pleased that the NRC will be holding an informal public meeting in Westchester, we are requesting that the NRC hold a formal public hearing. While the informal meeting will allow for public statements and will feature a Q&A session, a formal hearing process will create an official record of individual comments and will ultimately result in a much more sound system of storing spent fuel at Indian Point

For the future health and safety of the communities surrounding Indian Point, it is of utmost importance that Entergy Nuclear Northeast's plan to implement a dry cask storage system be examined carefully and that the regulatory process allow for meaningful public input. As you may have anticipated, interest from within the New York City metropolitan area with regard to the future plans for Indian Point's spent fuel is high. IPSEC organizations as well as individuals throughout our area have expressed their interest and desire to attend this meeting. As this meeting is open to the public, the information gathered will serve to keep our communities aware and informed of the possible changes to come at Indian Point.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and attention to this very important matter. As a final request IPSEC would like to be informed of the date, time, and the final location of the meeting, as we understand these details remain to date unset. If we can be of assistance in facilitating the meeting in Westchester, please do not hesitate to contact us using the information below.

Thank you,



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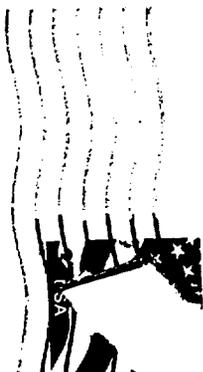
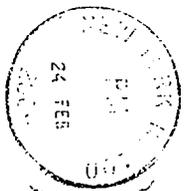


INDIAN POINT SAFE ENERGY COALITION MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Beacon Sloop Club
Bergen County Greens
Bronx River Research Group
Cancer Awareness Coalition
CAN DO (Citizens Against Nuclear Energy – Dobbs Ferry)
Chappaqua Against Nuclear Generated Energy (CHANGE)
Children's Health Fund
Citizens Awareness Network
Citizens for Safe Energy
Communities United For Responsible Energy
Council on Intelligent Energy & Conservation Policy
Croton Close Indian Point Group
Earth Save Long Island
Earth Save NYC
Environmental Advocates of New York
Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Inc.
Fishkill Ridge Community Heritage
Friends of the Earth
Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE)
Greenpeace
Healthy Schools Network
Hogarth Center for Social Action,
Manhattanville College
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
Irvington Neighbors Against Indian Point
KLEAN NYC
New York City Campaign to Close Indian Point
New York City Environmental Justice Alliance
New York City SAFE (Seeking Alternatives for the Environment)
New York City Women's Action for New Directions
New York City Physicians for Social Responsibility
New York Climate Rescue
New York Public Health Association
New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)
Nuclear Control Institute
Nuclear Free Hudson
Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS)
Orange Environment, Inc.
Pace Energy Project
Philipstown League for the Environment and Safe Energy (PLEASE)
Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy and Environment Program
Putnam Citizens Awareness Network
Riverkeeper, Inc.
Rockland Citizens Awareness Network
Rockland Coalition to Close Indian Point
Rockland County Civic Association
Rockland County Conservation Association
Saw Mill River Audubon
Sierra Club – Atlantic Chapter
Sierra Club – Hudson-Meadowlands Group
Sierra Club – Lower Hudson Group
Scenic Hudson
Sprayno Coalition
Sound Shore Safe Energy Advocates (SSSEA)
STAR Foundation (Standing for Truth About Radiation)
Stony Point Action Committee for the Environment (SPACE)
Sustainable South Bronx
Walkabout Clearwater Chorus
Waterkeeper Alliance
Westchester Citizens Awareness Network
Westchester Green Party, Northwest
WESPAC Foundation
Westchester SAFE (Seeking Alternatives for the Environment)
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