

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2007

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We write, yet again, to ask for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate radioactive leaks emanating from the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC). According to a news report in yesterday's Journal News, tritium has been found in sewer pipes that lead from Indian Point to the Buchanan sewage system.

This development means that people living near the power plant may have already been exposed to dangerous materials. Given the EPA's mission to protect the environment and public health, it is essential that the agency immediately investigate this danger and determine the extent of the contamination and the potential health impacts of these leaks. Further delay is not an option.

As you know, on March 3, 2006, Congressman Eliot Engel, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, and Congressman Maurice Hinchey sent you a letter requesting the Environmental Protection Agency investigate and correct the myriad of health, environmental and safety concerns at the IPEC, including radioactive leaks discovered at the power plant. Congressman Engel followed up on this letter by speaking to you about the matter again by telephone on January 27 of this year. He then sent you a letter on the same subject dated February 5, 2007, and he urged the EPA to investigate radioactive leaks at the IPEC yet again during two subsequent meetings with the Regional EPA Administrator. In response to all these requests, the EPA has claimed that the NRC has sole jurisdiction and has not acted. This is unacceptable.

You must also be aware we are deeply concerned by the general operational safety record of the IPEC. Time and time again, the IPEC has had safety and environmental failures and time and time again the NRC has done next to nothing to address these problems. Now that we might be in the midst of an environmental and health disaster we need the EPA to fulfill its mission and respond to our request to thoroughly investigate and remedy this situation.

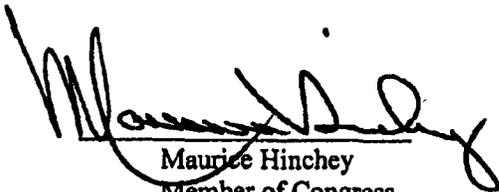
We look forward to your written response to this request.

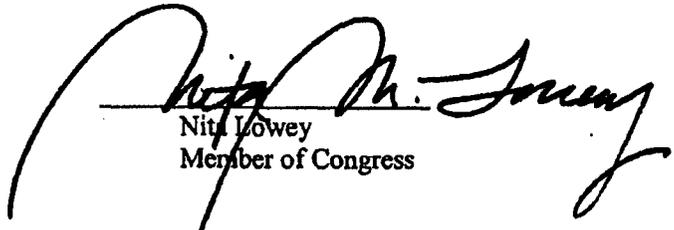
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Sincerely,


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cc: Alan J. Steinberg, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2