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Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chief,

I have lived in Harlem and Hamilton Heights over 25 years working as an educator and nurse, so my time speaking about health-related matters with people in the area has been substantial. My interest in Indian Point nuclear plant mushroomed after the September 11, 2001 attacks—before then I barely knew of its existence, quite frankly, which is my point. In speaking with people here about Indian Point, many have neither knowledge nor can make an association to it, and, they are astonished and concerned upon hearing the facts. People in our communities in Harlem, and beyond, are unaware about Indian Point—how dangerous it is, how much of a threat it is to our health and safety, and how close it is. The 30 miles between us and Indian Point puts it in our backyard, quite literally, given the potency and portability of a nuclear plume; and, the less than 5 miles it is from one of New York City's drinking sources puts it smack dab in our kitchen. Presently, those reactors are contaminating groundwater and leaking radioactive wastes into the Hudson River.

Not only do catastrophes happen, but they hurt, kill, and damage the property of people of color, people who have little money, and people who are isolated, such as elderly, disabled, and nursing home residents far worse than they do any others. These are the people who are going to pay the highest price if a disaster

is not prevented from occurring at Indian Point, and of such there are millions who live within its reach.

Being prepared for an emergency is part and parcel of living in the United States in the eras of post-September 11th and Global Climate Change. When we are well-warned by experts' reports about aging and deteriorating man-made structures, as New Orleans officials were about the levees there, and the Public's safety depends on their integrity, it is lethally slipshod not to act on these reports. A disaster at Indian Point, either from an accident or a terrorist attack is inarguably one for which responsible leaders, officials, and citizens have to be prepared. In this case, prevention is the best preparation.

New York has an agenda to use more non-renewable, non-nuclear energy in the coming years. Shutting down Indian Point opens an opportunity in the market to tap into the ingenuity of minorities, particularly, to create safer, cleaner, and less costly ways of providing energy.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you take into consideration the special health and environmental condition hardships that would be faced by the residents of Harlem and other minority communities in the event of a large radiation release event at Indian Point. The fate of the minority community in New Orleans should be your polestar.

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