

## Getting right to the Point

*"Leave no authority existing not responsible to the people!"* These words by Mr. Thomas Jefferson is an example of why his name shall forever be etched in stone. In comparison, today's political leaders are a joke! While the people of this great country should be the primary concern, it is the dollar that motivates today's so-called leaders. Nowhere has this been more evident than with the re-licensing issue at the Indian Point nuclear facility in Westchester, NY. It doesn't take a genius to know that this facility should have never been commissioned at its current location. Allowing such a hazardous operation to be placed in the middle of over a million people and minutes, not hours from the most important and vibrant city on earth is insane, if not criminal!

Entergy, the owners and operators of the facility, along with their foolish spokesperson Jim Steets, have been trying to convince us that all is safe with the plant. The fact is, there have been numerous incidents and they can not even assure a working warning system! I can't count how many times the siren broke down! However, what is really bogus is their claim of a workable evacuation plan. As a person born and raised in Westchester, I can tell you that there is no way to evacuate the citizens in a timely fashion. Even if many did manage to escape, where would they go? What about their possessions? Remember, we are talking about Westchester, the Bronx, Rockland and Putnam counties? Who knows, probably even Manhattan! If the deadly brew were to be released for whatever reason, we will be sitting ducks! Don't forget that the important river crossings fall right in the line of danger. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is aware of this and so are the local politicians, but they are choosing to ignore the facts. To their credit, Andy Spano and Andy Cuomo are speaking out against Entergy and this may signal a change of course for the Indian Point nuclear facility. We need to close and relocate the Indian Point facility now! Jim Steets actually went so far as to say that closing the facility will actually hurt the environment! This guy has been hanging around radioactive material too long! Does he really believe that nuclear energy is clean, just because the waste created is invisible to the naked eye? While the energy created is needed, it is not as precious as the Hudson River Valley, or the surrounding areas. It is not as precious as the health and lives of our children and their future. I don't care how many cronies Entergy hires to paint a beautiful picture, we the people know better. I am beginning to think that the NRC stands for: *"Nobody Really Care's."*

If Entergy's evacuation plan is so great, how is it that hardly anybody knows what the procedure is? Shouldn't it be hanging on the fridges in all the households? I'll tell you why! It is being kept hush, hush, because the more it is out in the open; the more it will be ridiculed and proven a farce! Let's not forget that a workable evacuation plan is a requirement for licensing. *"Leave no authority existing not responsible to the people!"*



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