

IPRenewalCEmails

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Dear Friends,

I am vehemently opposed to the license renewal of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units for two reasons:

- 1) The danger to human life. Indian Point is located in one of the most densely populated areas in the U.S. Approximately 20 million people live within a 50 mile radius of the plants. I live about 20 miles south of the reactors. If there were a terrorist attack or an accident in the spent fuel pools, the catastrophe would make September 11 attack on the World Trade Center look miniscule. The most recent leak(Feb.20,2009) of radioactive water at IP2 is an example of what has been happening routinely for years. It is said that this most recent leak had tritium concentrations of only 1/10 the allowable concentrations allowed by federal clean water regulations for drinking water. Previous tritium leaks at IP@ came from its spent fuel pool in concentrations that were 25 times the acceptable EPA level. Personally, I think only NO level of tritium is acceptable for drinking water.
- 2) The negative environmental consequences: Billions of fish, eggs and larvae are slaughtered every year because of the outdated cooling system at IP. Shortnose sturgeon (an endangered species) and Atlantic sturgeon are killed when they are trapped against the cooling water intake screens at the plants.

Yes, we need sources of energy but we should be able to and be encouraging alternate forms of human and ecologically friendly sources which would also create jobs.

Thank you for your invitation to comment on this matter.

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