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To whom it may concern:

It is amazing to me that Indian Point Power Plant is operating and that regular citizens have to fight against it. It seems like something out of a conspiracy theory movie or science fiction book.

It is unimaginable that this plant is allowed to operate in today's highly regulated world - in our country where people are jailed for illegal dumping of non-toxic construction debris or illegal use of waterways by recreational boaters- these micromanaged acts are the norm, yet a huge, leaking nuclear plant with pages and pages of serious violations continues to operate right outside of New York City? I don't understand.

I oppose the license renewal of Indian Point, and am particularly concerned about the following environmental impacts:

- The slaughter of billions of fish, eggs and larvae every year that results from Indian Point's outdated cooling water intake system, which uses billions of gallons of Hudson River water every day to keep the plant operating.
- The killing of shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon when they are trapped against the cooling water intake screens. Shortnose sturgeon are listed as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act.
- The continuing leak of radioactive water from the Indian Point 2 spent fuel pool into the groundwater and Hudson River, and the residual contamination caused by the plumes of contaminated groundwater that slowly leach toxic strontium-90 and cesium-137 into the Hudson River.
- The long term storage of thousands of tons of highly toxic nuclear waste on the banks of the Hudson River, currently housed in poorly maintained spent fuel pools and "dry casks" that are vulnerable to terrorist attack.

Please consider how much the people in the communities in the New York metro area oppose this power plant. The grassroots organizations which have been spawned in an attempt to close Indian Point will certainly be happy to put their energy toward supporting alternative energy sources.

Sincerely,

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