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**Comments:**

Every so often, in the moral life of those in a position of responsibility, a defining moment comes along disguised as business-as-usual.

The reactors at Indian Point have released more radioactive gases than almost any other operating nuclear facility. In so doing they have polluted the area with radioactivity. It's not a question of whether the plants have contaminated the environment, but of how much, and long-term consequences. Strontium-90 emitted by this facility has been found in fish and the bodies of citizens - mother's milk - in Westchester County and New York State. Small but continued releases, as measured at the source, may have large consequences for living organisms - cancer - due to constant exposure through repeated ingestion and internalization of radioactive particles. If the Commission cared to fund a study of radioactive contamination in living organisms surrounding the plant, it would find radioactivity moving right up the food chain. Measurements of fish and swallow eggs adjacent to another nuclear facility showed concentrations a million times radioactive content in the water. But a gov!

ernment body intent on subverting the intent of its charter - to protect the public - will not want to look for what it does not want to find. This facility is not only a disaster waiting to happen, it's a disgrace that has happened already.

Called a "nightmare" by a past NRC commissioner, the siting of these plants, in the midst of the greatest concentration of humanity of any operating facility, close to the most vital city, economically, in this country, in an area that cannot be evacuated in timely fashion, if at all, is an outrage permitted only by the willful deliberate blindness of the sitting Commission. Perhaps those who originally sited it here might now say, we couldn't foresee the future. We didn't know. The siting committee has no such excuse.

As is surely known to this Commission, an Al Queda operative flatly stated Indian Point was the original 9/11 target, but that target was changed because of the scale of the damage a successful strike would entail. Thanks to long-term storage of immortal lethal toxins at the facility - the almost unimaginably radioactive contents of the spent fuel pools - no other U.S. facility has the capacity to destroy the country's economy and security via a single terrorist blow. Indian Point, and this country, were on 9/11, and are now, thanks to the NRC, living in the shadow of those planes.

You took an oath to serve and protect the public. You must now find it within you to observe, not willfully obfuscating limitations that conveniently state such-and-such need not be considered so as to protect the nuclear industry, but the spirit and intent of that oath. This is not, must not be, another of the Commission's run-of-the-mill industry-yes-man rubber-stamp deliberations. This decision is vital to the health and well-being of all citizens in the tri-state area - and perhaps, if terrorism returns to these shores, the future economic well-being of every American.

Fulfill, do not willfully violate, your oath. Make the right choice. History may judge you.

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