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Dear Chief of Rulemaking:

On behalf of and in the name of ROAR, I would like to submit comments on the re-licensing request by Entergy Company for the Indian Point plant.

ROAR, initiated in 1996, is a network of religious Congregations and organizations with property in the Hudson Valley of New York State. We come together to: support one another in using our lands with an attitude of respect for the beauty and integrity of earth; address the interrelated issues of poverty, justice and ecology in this bio-region.

The members of **ROAR** are very concerned and very opposed to the relicensing of the nuclear plant at Indian Point. We are supportive of the **RIVERKEEPER's** position on the relicensing.

Firstly, the Indian Point plants are located in a densely populated area of our state, only 24 miles from New York City. Safety issues are of prime concern because of the possibility of corrosion with such aging plants. Approximately 20 million people live within a 50 mile radius of the plant. Additionally, the long term storage of thousands of tons of highly toxic nuclear waste in poorly maintained spent fuel pools and "dry casks," are accidents waiting to happen.

Secondly, we have grave environmental concerns related to Indian Point plants. The continued leaking of radioactive water from the Indian Point 2 spent fuel pool into groundwater and into the Hudson River is frightening. Residual contamination is caused by the plumes of contaminated water that slowly leach toxic strontium 90 and cesium-137 into the River. Additionally, shortnose sturgeon, an endangered species, are killed when trapped against cooling water intake screens at the plant.

We hope that the NRC will refuse the relicensing of the Indian Point power plant. We sympathize with the need for energy and for jobs, but as Section 8 of the DEIS document points out - alternate energy sources are available which will provide both energy and jobs.

Thanks you for taking our thoughts into your considerations!

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