

## FOIA Resource

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### FOIA/PA REQUEST

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**Desc:** Riverkeeper requests copies of any and all correspondence between NRC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., and any New York State Agencies regarding the replacement of the reactor vessel heads and/or control rod drive mechanisms of Indian Point Generating Units 2 and 3, including, but not limited to, any analyses, calculations, or investigations underpinning the decision(s) to order and replace the subject components; any e-mails, written communications, plans, projections, reports, guidelines, agreements, and the like, discussing any details relating to the replacement of the subject components, including without limitation, the ordering/forging of replacement parts, the schedule for manufacturing replacement parts, the timeframe for component replacement, the rationale(s) behind ordering the components and undertaking the replacement project, and plans for disposal of the replaced components.

**FeeCategory:** Educational

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**FeeCategory\_Description:**

Expedite\_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite\_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver\_Purpose: Riverkeeper is a nonprofit environmental organization whose mission is to safeguard the ecology and biological integrity of the Hudson River. Since Indian Point is situated on the Hudson in Buchanan, NY, the safe operation of the plant is of paramount importance to our members and the public living in the Hudson Valley. Recent information indicates that the owner of Indian Point intends to replace the reactor vessel heads and control rod drive mechanisms of generating units 2 and 3. This significant undertaking raises potential safety concerns about the condition of the existing plant components, and has environmental implications. Riverkeeper will use the information obtained to keep ourselves, our members, and the public informed about details surrounding the project as well as the NRC's regulatory actions and oversight regarding the component replacement. Moreover, Riverkeeper is currently an intervenor in the NRC license renewal proceeding for Indian!

Point. Riverkeeper will use the detailed information available through the FOIA process to formulate and inform related issues in the relicensing proceeding.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: We will review the documents provided, extract relevant information about the reactor vessel head/control rod drive mechanism replacements to better inform our members and the public. We will analyze the content of the records to aid us in understanding the rationale behind the decision to replace the subject components and any related safety implications. The information will help us in formulating organizational policy regarding the continued safe operation of Indian Point. We will also use the information gathered to inform related issues in the NRC license renewal proceeding for Indian Point.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: The records will be used to educate our staff, members, and the public about the reactor vessel head/control rod drive mechanism replacements, specifically, the rationale behind the decision to replace the subject components and any related safety implications. As a Riverkeeper Staff Attorney, I have a legal education and experience working with federal regulations and administrative law. I also have a close working relationship with technical experts in the field of nuclear engineering, with whom I can consult regarding the content of technical documents. I believe that my expertise combined with access to technical experts allows me to present our analysis of the information about the component replacement to keep the public fully informed and contribute to their understanding of this situation.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The impact will be to increase the public's understanding of the reactor vessel head/control rod drive mechanism replacements at Indian Point, and any related safety and environmental implications thereof. As a nonprofit organization that regularly communicates with the public on environmental, public, and energy issues, Riverkeeper is uniquely situated accomplish this goal. Our goal here is to increase public understanding of the operation of Indian Point, especially any systems at the plant that have the potential to pose threats to public safety. The safe operation of the plant is of great interest to the public in our region, and our efforts to increase the amount of information publicly available are in direct response to this need.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: Riverkeeper has over seven thousand members, and the safe operation of the plant potentially affects nearly half a million residents in the plant's vicinity, and nearly twenty million within a fifty mile radius of Indian Point.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: After analyzing the records, Riverkeeper disseminates it to the public through postings on our website, [www.riverkeeper.org](http://www.riverkeeper.org), press releases and press conferences, news articles, op-ed pieces, and television news interviews. Additionally, as an intervenor in the NRC relicensing case, any issues related to the reactor vessel head/control rod drive mechanisms that are relevant in the proceeding will be posted on our website and disseminated to the public through the aforementioned methods.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: Free of charge.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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