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To: Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
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 Re: Relicensing Indian Point

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Please count my voice with those who understand that operating two nuclear reactors in a 50 mile proximity to 20 million people is a very bad idea. I live 3 miles from the reactors and have followed this issue for awhile and have attended many meetings with the NRC. Never once have I been convinced by anything at any of these meetings that the health and safety of our community is of any importance to them.

They are regulators in name only. That has become clear as relicensing has progressed and is the reason local and state officials also oppose relicensing. They are working hard to protect their communities..

In this time of electricity surplus Indian Point is not needed and in a post Fukushima world there is no reason for them to continue to operate, except for profit to Entergy stockholders. Stockholders and employees cannot be allowed to hold the rest of us hostage to an unmitigated disaster should something go horribly wrong. The union has said that employees will have jobs at other nuclear facilities.

Businesses cease operation all the time. Yes it is hard on those involved and yes life does move on and people adjust, one way or the other. Not only that but closing Indian Point would undoubtedly be a stimulus to green energy and the myriad of jobs it produces.

I would like to note that most people who want the plant to continue to be relicensed have a financial stake in its continued operation.

Their position is understandable, their mind set frozen and many of their "facts" straight from Entergy talking points. Neither they, nor the company they work for, has been willing to take action to make the spent fuel pool safer and move more rods into dry cask storage. The Union of Concerned Scientists, who are not an anti nuclear organization are most concerned about the safety of the spent fuel pools, or rather the lack of safety. It is unfortunate that the issue has become so polarized and that a realistic dialog is by and large impossible. In the meantime the ecosystem of the Historic Hudson River, the short nosed sturgeon and all of the other creatures in it, is disrupted by the massive withdrawal of water to cool the plant and the thermal plume as the heated water is returned to the River.

The plant is bad for people, bad for the environment. We do not need the electricity it produces and the company that runs it cannot be trusted. Close it down.

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