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I believe that IPEC is a safely run Nuclear Power plant. The commission should base the decision on sound inputs and reliable data not emotional frenzy driven by unscientific hearsay. Here are my arguments on the top five reasons to shutdown the plant.

5. Onsite storage of spent fuel. This is a national problem especially with the decision to close Yucca Mountain. The commission has renewed multiple plants with the same configuration. IPEC is no different.
4. Fish Kill. This is a national problem for those plants without cooling towers. There are several generating stations on the Hudson with the same type of once through cooling. Recent advances in screening the water is available and should be installed. Installation of cooling towers will be a great expense and discomfort for the local population.
3. Unworkable evacuation plan. IPEC emergency plan is sound. Evacuation problems would be the same for any major event. All of the Witt report issues have been resolved.
2. 20 million Americans at risk. Comparisons to Japan are not totally applicable for IPEC. I am sure there are lessons to be learned and implemented. This is the same for any natural disaster. (Hurricane in Florida for example.) IPEC operators and staff have been trained and examined on Severe Accident Management Guidelines. My understanding Japan had not implemented these.
1. We do not need the power. The re-licensing process should not consider the need for power. It is impossible to evaluate the multiple reports out there for power considerations. Bottom line is IPEC power is needed. When solar, wind or any other green source is developed then nuclear power may be outdated. The economic considerations will be made at that time but the promise of green power has not reached any potential for replacement.

Thank you for taking the time to read one citizens comments.

Good luck with the hearings.

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