

Docket, Hearing

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Ms. Siarnacki & members of the Commission,

I was born and raised in Westchester. My mother and father still live within 7 miles of Indian Point, and I now live in Brooklyn.

I've long been gravely concerned with the Indian Point nuclear power plant. It's a ripe target for terrorism with its huge stock of over 1500 tons of unsecured radioactive waste, and if that weren't alarming by itself, its long and infamous record of safety violations, combined with its age and the fact that the power it generates is no longer practically necessary to the region it serves all point to the obvious truth that it must be shut down.

Put simply, the power it generates comes at far too high a cost, in terms of public safety- the safety of my own family and friends who live within the so-called "evacuation zone", as well as the 20+ million others who live within 50 miles of the plant- a range you should recognize as the same distance imposed by the US government on our own military personnel operating in Northern Japan in the aftermath of the nuclear disaster in Fukushima.

The earthquake in Virginia a little over a year ago should serve as even further notice, not that we needed it, that we need to not only take this issue seriously, but take action immediately. That quake registered a 5.9. Indian Point, as we are told by Entergy, is rated as being able to withstand a 6.0 magnitude quake. After all the lies over the years I don't think anyone would fault me if I said I didn't take them at their word. Practically speaking, that means that if the quake had happened here, we might have a situation. Indian Point lies very close to the Ramapo fault line, and seismologists at Columbia University have said for some time now that New York is overdue for a major earthquake.

Over the years, I have gotten the impression, especially in the last year and a half that the the industry, as well, as you, the regulators, engage in a sort of wishful thinking or willful defiance of reality. You see a wide swath of Japan rendered uninhabitable in the last year, and you simply don't think that happen here. I ask you, what more evidence could you possibly need?! I don't think anybody truly believes the plant is or could ever be adequately protected from terrorism, able to withstand a quake of the level we experienced just last year further south, maintained at minimally acceptable levels, and even remotely capable of being able to withstand another 20 years of operation without the almost certain likelihood of a major catastrophe occurring.

We've been lucky so far, but we can't live on luck forever. Recognize the gravity of the situation, do you jobs, and shut down Indian Point for good.

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Sincerely,

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