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Docket, Hearing

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Cc: Siarnacki, Anne
Subject: Re: Indian Point relicensing

Dear NRC Regulators,

I feel like I'm wasting my time writing to you, based on long experience with public comments which saw the opinion of a vast amount of the public ignored. A recent example is the public sentiment on hydrdo-fracking in New York state, which has set new records for public comments. It's obvious from the huge amount of statewide protest against fracking that this surge in comments is to urge a ban on the process, yet the state--led by a climate-science denier--has already ignored requirements for proper environmental review and indicated that the acceptance of fracking is a fait accompli.

As I write, the news on the front page of today's New York Times is about the decision by Japan's regulatory agency to end nuclear power in that country. As much as the government wished to push for and continue with nuclear power, it could not overcome the tsunami (Yes, I said that) of public opinion in the aftermath of the Fukushima disaster--a disaster brought on by the stupidity of the same reactor design used at Indian Point, and the stupidity of placing backup generators where they would fail in the case of a flood.

So, my question for you is, are you willing to do the job for which you accept your salary, and do the bidding of the people, or are you going to be swayed by industry?

Here's another question: If you have family in the New York area, or think your children might ever wish to live near or visit New York, do you really think your wishful thinking will protect them from some future accident or terrorist act at Indian Point? You know it won't.

No one anywhere should use nuclear power. It's great--right up until the downside hits, in which case it's really bad. Shut down Indian Point (I'd tell you to ship off its spent fuel and rods, currently sitting in vulnerable pools at the location--but of course the US still has no plan on how or where to store such poison) and begin replacing it with solar, hydro and wind power. You know what you get when a terrorist attacks a solar or wind installation? A bunch of glass or metal on the ground. Think about it.

Please do your job: regulate this based on the science and the public comment, not what GE and Entergy want you to do. Thanks for listening.

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