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General Comment

For decades, Riverkeeper and other organizations have had no confidence in assertions by the nuclear industry and various regulatory agencies about nuclear waste—now a federal court has agreed. It is imperative that we use this opportunity to halt the industry push for a quick and dirty solution and inject some sanity into the debate on nuclear energy and radioactive waste.

1. Don't Rush It.

The NRC is rushing the process, and expects to issue a draft EIS for public comment sometime in 2013. Producing a legitimate Waste Confidence Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should take seven years.

2. Be Thorough

The NRC must resolve many technical issues including long-term waste integrity, vulnerability and deterioration; the potential for accidents; and lessons learned from Japan's devastating 2011 Fukushima Daiichi meltdown.

Please ensure that the environmental analysis ordered by the Court is properly incorporated into the re-licensing of Indian Point and every nuclear power plant across the country!

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