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General Comment

We are a military family and live within the ten mile radius of Indian Point. As far as I know this plant is not really necessary for the energy resources needed in the area, but instead posts severe risks to the health and possibly even lives of the many people and fauna surrounding it. Toxic waste is leaking into the ground water, the Hudson river flora and fauna is suffering from careless and outdated environmental techniques, evacuation plans are outdated and unworkable. The plant may pose a serious potential target for terrorists considering not only the dense population in its immediate environment, but also the proximity of America's military academy, which is constantly producing future military leaders as well as employing some of the currently finest officers and their families. The consequences of a major disaster or terrorist strike would also affect populous NYC. In all these perspectives it is abominable that the owners of Indian Point are not held to work their plant with up-to-date environmental and safety technology.

Even though I am not a permanent resident, it is inconceivable to me why this plant should even be kept operating, if safer and environmentally friendlier alternatives are at hand. The only reason all of our families who live close have to live in constant fear of an emergency appears to be the greed and stubbornness of the owners, who are too inflexible to find business that does not put millions of families at fatal risk.

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