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Subject: re: Close Indian Point - Docket Number, NRC-2013-0063
Attachments: To the NRC and All Concerned.docx

Kindly accept the attached comments rather than the comments sent 12 minutes ago. That one had a strike out in the text body. Thank you. Laurie Seeman

Please see attached comments regarding the request to deny licensing to Indian Point.

Thank You,

Laurie Seeman

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June 3rd, 2013

To the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and All Concerned;

Re: Docket Number, **NRC-2013-0063**

I am writing to you today to ask that you take the necessary progressive steps to retire Indian Point Power Plant. My family lives in the 10-mile target evacuation zone. I run a children's summer camp in the zone. The concern of what to do when something goes wrong weighs on me perpetually. Tomorrow there is to be an Indian Point siren drill at 10:30 am. This is no way to live. The power peaks that are said to be the reason that we need this plant are unjustified. There are many ways to ameliorate the peak demands.

The Indian Point plant is red flagged, the fire issues are too numerous, and the plant has unpredictable behaviors. In the Hudson Valley, Indian Point increasingly threatens to devastate millions of people, and with it the world economy.

The Fukushima devastation has redefined the world as we know it, and yet the NRC spokesperson at a hearing last year in Peekskill, told the audience not to worry. He said that the radiation from Fukushima was far away, and not going to affect us here. This enraged the audience who knew better. The audience was also furious that the NRC did not express real care, for caring sake, for the people of Japan.

This all leads the people to ask, will the NRC stop acting as if it does not know better about closing Indian Point?

The examples of nuclear gone wrong, combined with human error, are too many to ignore. Many of you employed with the NRC may be too young to have been called upon to respond to the partial melt down of Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania, so the reality of things going terribly wrong, and the shock of your needing to respond as an NRC expert, you have not experienced yet. The people of Three Mile Island call this The Accident Without End, but it seems the NRC moved on shortly after it all happened.

I have some personal experience with Three Mile Island that informs me. In July of 1982 I spent 10 days in the farmland of Three Mile Island Pennsylvania, in plain

view of the nuclear power plant towers. I was there making a short independent film that centered upon nuclear power and the questions it raises for the citizens of the world.

When filming by the road the local people of the Three Mile Island area driving by were curious about what we were up to and many of them stopped to talk with us. There on the side of the road I saw a man lift his shirt to show me skin lesions he said he knew were from the radiation. I heard of plants and animals that were mutated, and dairy farmers who lost everything because they could not sell their milk and were not compensated for this.

One man told me that before the nuclear plant was built that the people were told that this would bring money savings to the people. He told me, "There are NO money savings with Nuclear energy. I would like to give every penny I ever made in my life to go back to the day before this happened!"

I think the worst was hearing of living in fear of the insidious, long-term effects that could not be seen or measured. Concern for their future generations of family members sickened the soul of the people.

The personal accounts of what happened to them, as individuals, as families, as community, and as farmers and business owners were so endlessly disturbing to me that it has forever moved me in my life to look for ways to bring true reason to the world where there is none.

This nuclear devastation of lives and lands in Three Mile Island was termed a "**mishap**" by government representatives, the NRC, and the media. Please agree with me when I say that a "mishap" is when a bucket of paint falls off a ladder, not a nuclear meltdown. Correct perception and right action are two essential components of public safety. With this letter I call upon the NRC to allow correct perception to guide the decision making process on this decision to close Indian Point. You are charged by the people to uphold your role to protect life and lands.

In 2008, I returned to Three Mile Island for the 30-year remembrance gathering. There, at the core of the vigil was a group women who were the women who in 1979 were the mothers of small babies. They told me of the long years of worry. How every year at the birthday parties they look upon their children and wonder if they will become sick. The heart of sadness is impossible to describe. Can you imagine that is your family? It takes that kind of personal realization to understand what you are charged with so you can have correct perception.

Now there is Chernobyl and Fukushima to guide us. Is there there really any question in your mind about what to do about the Indian Point nuclear plant that is well past its time of calculated risk for safe service?

With Indian Point we have an outrageous chance of things going wrong. No amount of data collecting at this point, or agreement revisions, will put any accountability mechanism into place that have meaning. The people know about the lack of fire training and all of the rest of the fire code violations. We know that Entergy is operating in tight financial times, and this causes them as a corporation to cut corners and to add greater risk the people of the Hudson Valley.

It is time for the NRC to appropriately retire this nuclear plant that has done its service. This is the right time and place to take this step. Do this now. before the Hudson Valley has a nuclear disaster date of __/__/_____.

Imagine if xx/xx/xxx in the Hudson Valley becomes **Verplanck 10/18/2013**, during another fall super storm, and just weeks after the September deadline for responsibly closing this plant down. This will be on your shoulders as a collective and as individuals. There is no agency safety to stand behind when this happens. You will take this home with you, if you have a home, meaning you live outside of the zone. But wherever you go you will have a community to face. This must cross your mind.

The night of Sandy I sat and listened for hours in the intense wind for the sound of the Indian Point siren. It was terrifying. The fear is ever present here.

To all the individuals in the decision-making committee, I ask for the tens of millions that are at risk, and for the global community, that you listen to the people and the Governor and do the right thing. Close this plant down.

Respectfully,

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