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General Comment

Regarding the electrical cable fire exemption:

Since 2007, Entergy has been using a fireproofing insulation called HEMYC to protect critical electrical cables that power the emergency shutdown system at Indian Point. HEMYC is supposed to protect the cables for one hour during a fire, but in lab tests, HEMYC only lasted 24 minutes.

The NRC should deny the exemption and require Entergy to comply with the regulations, which were written to protect the plant and the public from the very real risk of a fire that could lead to a meltdown at Indian Point.

The NRC failed to do an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the risks and impacts of granting the exemption, including looking at alternatives, such as replacing the insulation. At a minimum the NRC must conduct a full EIS, look at all alternatives and allow time for public comment.

The NRC should hold a public hearing in the vicinity of Indian Point to fully explain its exemption process, and take public input on Entergy's failure to comply with fire safety regulations that were established over 20 years ago.

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