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General Comment

Indian Point 2 and 3 are at the end of their design basis. Miles of underground pipes are corroded, inaccessible, and leaking radionuclides into the soil and flowing into the Hudson River. Two known plumes of highly radioactive isotopes sublie the plant and sit in the groundwater, but rather than remediate this problem via extraction wells, as it did with much success at Vermont Yankee, Entergy has chosen to implement Monitored Natural Attenuation, which is a fancy name for doing absolutely nothing. The crack in the Unit 2 fuel pool was discovered in 2005 and pinhole leaks in the transfer canal lines were noticed later, but there is so much debris at the bottom of the pool and the fuel assemblies are packed so tightly inside that no repairs can be made without emptying the pool. Instead of mandating that this be done, the NRC accepts the findings of Entergy's cursory, partial, visual inspection as proof that this cracked and leaking spent fuel pool will last at least another twenty years.

I am in total agreement with Governor Cuomo and the State Assembly of New York that this plant should not be relicensed but rather shut down. Indian Point has been poorly maintained by Entergy and severe safety issues have been exempted from regulations by the NRC rather than mandated to be mitigated and resolved. Indian Point is located just 24 miles from Manhattan in the most densely populated area of any nuclear plant in the United States and there is no workable evacuation plan. We have been very, very lucky. Let us not push

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our luck. For the good of the northeast section of this country, its human population, its drinking water, its agriculture, and its wildlife, do not relicense Indian Point.