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Re: Hearings for the Establishment of Community Engagement Panels for
Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants

The undersigned organizations request that the NRC to hold one of the hearings for the establishment of Community Engagement Panels for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants in or near the Town of Cortlandt, NY.

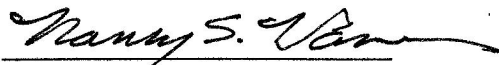
There are two reactors, Indian Point units 2 and 3, located in the Town of Cortlandt that will be decommissioned beginning in 2020 and 2021. Interest in whether this seeming very difficult task can be done safely with the amount of money available for each reactor is high. We believe that the

- The NRC should hold the meetings as close as possible to newly decommissioning sites. The Town of Cortlandt is host to the Indian Point reactors that will be ceasing operation in 2020 and 2021.
- In addition, the NRC should attract as many people as possible to these meetings. The Town of Cortlandt is host to the Indian Point reactors and is only 25 miles from New York City, which has a population of about ___ million. It is easily accessible by commuter rail making it convenient for people from the area to attend.
- The Oyster Creek reactor in NJ is also decommissioning. An NRC hearing here would also attract people from that area.
- Both State and local 'Task Forces' have been established to prepare for the closures during the pre-shutdown stage.
- The presence of the Indian Point reactors on the shores of the Hudson River that feeds NY harbor is a source of concern. Any issues during the decommissioning process could have a serious impact on this major international trading hub.
- Another concern is the proximity of the three 'Algonquin' natural gas pipelines on and adjacent to the Indian Point property. The convergence of these two risks presents unique problems for the safe decommissioning of the site.

- NY State is home to several other nuclear reactors. As Indian Point winds down, there is a growing interest in the fate of the communities involved in the loss of a major local industry.
- Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC), a local entity, would be a source of information and experience for a meeting in Cortlandt. Its members have participated in meetings and activities surrounding the Indian Point plant for many years.
- Hudson River Sloop Clearwater is a group founded by Pete Seeger for the purpose of protecting and enhancing local use of the Hudson River resource.
- Unity and The Convergence are two coalitions of groups interested in the Algonquin pipeline, are working to establish model provisions for advisory panels in places throughout the U.S.
- Safe Energy Rights Group is a non-profit that engages with communities to assure that safety is not compromised by new or existing energy infrastructure, including both nuclear and fossil fuel facilities.
- Many local citizens will want to be able to hear what the NRC has to say about who will influence decommissioning. People's interest in the fate of our nuclear plants is increasing by the day. They would welcome a chance to hear how a government agency wants to structure citizens' involvement in this important process.

We earnestly request that the NRC use Cortlandt as a site for citizen input on how we will establish Community Engagement Panels for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants in the U.S.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of:

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Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC)
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Unity
The Convergence