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General Comment

Greetings, Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Federal Rule making.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Indian Point Energy Center Post Shutdown Decommissioning. My name is Catherine Skopic,

I served as Chair for Shut Down Indian Point for several years and am presently Chair of Sierra Club New York City Group. Some of my concerns:

1. There is not adequate over sight for the decommissioning process that involves representatives of all segments of the community

The Decommissioning Oversight Board - DOB - as appointed seems fine, but more members of civil society whose only interests are the safety of the community, its people, the environment and future of the site need to be added.

2. The gas pipelines traversing the site pose a threat of explosion as excavation begins. These pipelines pose a threat being so near to radioactive material, even without excavation. The largest cause of gas pipeline explosions is excavation. One of the pipelines is very close to an elementary school, and I have first-hand heard parents express their fears of sending their children to school with this impending danger hanging over their children. I understand that the gas going through these pipelines is headed north to an LNG port, and concern about lost profits seems to be more important than the safety of the children and community, otherwise, those gas pipelines on site would be shut down. Please correct me, if I'm wrong. If there IS a legitimate reason to keep them open, please let me/us know - we have not been able to find an answer to this

question - "Why don't you shut down the gas pipelines?"

3. I am concerned about the storage of spent fuel and more so yet, the transportation of these dangerous radioactive spent fuels

being sent down the Hudson River by barge. What if a storm were to arise? What if there was a marine collision because of fog?

This radioactive material would poison the river for thousands of years.

4. Radioactive particles will become airborne and travel with the wind. What precautions will be taken to protect people and

communities within at least 50 - 100-mile radius? I have not seen this in the plan.

5. There is no evacuation plan.

6. HOSS is recommended - Hardened On-Site Storage in casks of at least 3' thickness. The canisters and casks Holtec

has used and is suggesting are 1/2" - 5/8" in thickness - dangerously less than the recommended dimensions.

7. The high-burn-up fuel - HBU - makes up about 60% of Indian Point's spent fuel inventory and needs 7 years to cool down

before being movee to dry cask storage. Holtec's plan to speed this process up to three years puts everyone in danger.

In closing, decommissioning a nuclear power plant is extremely complicated and dangerous. If not done correctly,

there could be a lot of people contracting various types of cancers in the years to come, Children - especially girls - are many

more times at risk to low and cumulative doses of radiation, as are women. Any radiation, left on site, in the ground or elsewhere

poses a health threat for thousands of years. Daily monitoring is needed and reported.

Respectfully and in PEACE, Catherine Skopic, Chair, Sierra Club NYC Group