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Secretary U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rulemakings and  
Adjudications Staff  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear: Secretary Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff,

I live a few miles from the decommissioning nuclear plants at Indian Point. The NRC's current regulations for decommissioning are inadequate to protect the public and the routine grants of exemptions make the situation even worse.

I urge the NRC to provide for more stringent emergency preparation requirements throughout the decommissioning process rather than those proposed in the rule.

Emergency response preparation and security measures at decommissioning sites need to reflect the ongoing storage of highly radioactive materials and the additional risks posed by the decommissioning process itself. Rather than eliminating existing emergency planning measures (such as offsite emergency plans for permanently defueled sites) ongoing responsibilities should reflect those ongoing risks.

In particular, the resources dedicated to onsite firefighting should be integrated with the local firefighting forces. Monitoring of leaks or other releases should be constant and publicly reported. In addition, the offsite emergency response plan must be maintained for as long as spent nuclear fuel is stored onsite.

Sincerely,

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