

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor, New York State  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Re: Denying license extensions to the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am pleased that you have told the press Indian Point should be closed and that Attorney General Schneiderman has called for an immediate assessment of all public health and safety risks posed by Indian Point. I would like you to go further and

- Publicly demand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shut down Indian Point and deny Entergy's application for license extensions;
- Tell the State Department of Environmental Conservation to continue withholding a water-use permit from Entergy, the plant's owner; and
- Develop genuinely clean alternative energy sources and institute conservation and efficiency measures.

As a resident of New York City, I am one of 20 million people living within the 50-mile "peak injury" zone of Indian Point. The NRC has stated that Indian Point Reactor 3 has the highest risk of earthquake damage in the country among the 104 plants currently operating. Nuclear reactors built on earthquake faults cannot be considered safe.

Finally, as you know, 1,500 tons of radioactive waste are currently stored above and below ground at Indian Point—right in New York City's backyard. An additional 1,000 tons of radioactive waste would be generated under the proposed license extensions that Entergy is seeking. There is simply no place to dispose of this waste; the spent fuel rods will remain a hazard for thousands of years to come.

Please use the power of your office to close Indian Point. It would be sheer folly to ignore the graphic images of the horror facing the Japanese and not take action to prevent them here.

Sincerely,

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