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Re: Matter 21-01188 – Decommissioning of Indian Point Nuclear Power Point

We share the serious concerns raised by residents and environmental groups regarding the decommissioning of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant by Holtec International including their request to dump irradiated water containing radionuclide tritium and other contaminants into the Hudson River. We urge the Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NRC), the Decommissioning Oversight Board and the New York State Department of Conservation (NYSDEC) to ensure this blatant contamination of the Hudson River is prevented and all appropriate environmental safeguards are in place and strictly enforced.

Exposure to radionuclides is a major health risk to all life - wildlife, aquatic, and human. There is no known safe level of exposure. This contamination is entirely avoidable as there are proven techniques methods to safely contain and dispose of these materials without contamination of the Hudson River or its environs.

The Hudson River is known as "The River That Flows Both Ways", from the busy port of New York City all the way to Albany, NY. over 106,000 people rely on the Hudson River for their daily needs - residents, hospitals, schools, colleges, nursing homes - especially in the seven (7) mid-Hudson region municipalities that rely on the river for its drinking water: the City of Poughkeepsie, the Village of Rhinebeck and the Town of Esopus including the Hamlet of Port Ewen, Towns of Hyde Park, Lloyd, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck. Known locally as the Hudson 7, these communities formed the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council to protect Hudson River water quality.

Designated disadvantaged communities, including the Port Ewen Water District, require special attention and Rule CP-29 requires that before granting any permit, the NYSDEC must first prepare and submit an Enhanced Public Participation Plan if the proposed Permit affects an Environmental Justice Community, therefore we are requesting that the NYSDEC create an Enhanced Public Participation Plan and hold additional multiple information sessions and public hearings regarding the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit in each of the vital Hudson River 7 communities, and, that the company chosen to decommission Indian Point identify stake holders NOT stockholders to ensure access of relevant documents to the public and have comprehensive materials easily available to residents.

We appreciate your attention to the vital concerns of Ulster County and the Hudson River community.



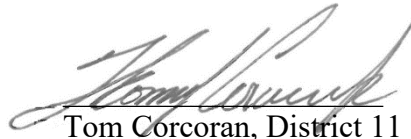
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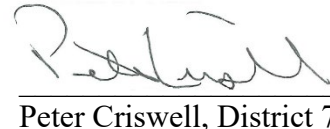
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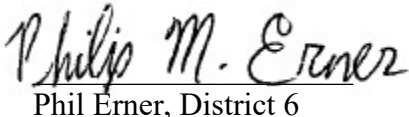
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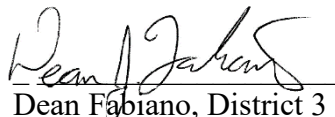
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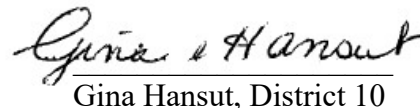
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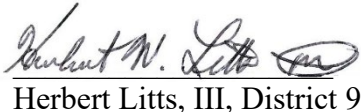
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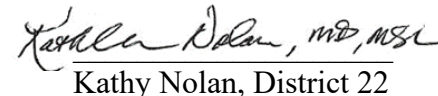
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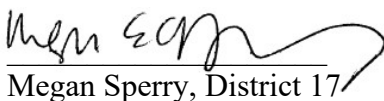
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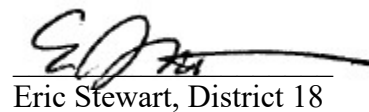
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