

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Town of Esopus, Town of Hyde Park, Town of Lloyd, City of Poughkeepsie, Town of Poughkeepsie, Town of Rhinebeck, Village of Rhinebeck

August 3, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 1222

re: Urging Governor Kathy Hochul to sign “Save the Hudson” Legislation

Dear Governor Hochul,

The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (Hudson 7) urges you to sign the “Save the Hudson” legislation that passed through both chambers of the New York Legislature, and that would protect the Hudson River from any discharges of radioactive materials from Indian Point.

The Hudson 7 represents seven municipalities that draw drinking water from the Hudson River to serve over 100,000 people in Ulster and Dutchess counties. We support efforts to reduce pollution to the Hudson River that can negatively impact drinking water supplies.

Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, has stated its intention to release water from onsite radioactive fuel waste pools into the Hudson River in September. As stewards of the Hudson River as a drinking water supply, the Hudson 7 are concerned about any pollution into the river. Although the nearest Hudson 7 drinking water intake is about 35 miles upstream from Indian Point, and data indicates that the releases won't impact our intakes, the Hudson 7 is opposed to anything being dumped into the river that could possibly contaminate drinking water supplies. We urge you to put the health and safety of New Yorkers first by supporting this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Mayor, Village of Rhinebeck

cc:

Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, US Senator for NYS
Hon. Chuck Schumer, US Senator for NYS
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Hon. Marc Molinaro, Congressman
Hon. Didi Barrett, NYS Assemblymember
Hon. Anil Beephan, NYS Assemblymember
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