



When Nuclear Plants Close

Challenges for U.S. Reactor Decommissioning

New York Society for Ethical Culture

10 AM – 3 PM, Thursday, October 15th, 2015

In the next decades most of the currently-operating U.S. nuclear power reactors are anticipated to close for aging, safety and economic reasons. This trend has already begun with San Onofre Nuclear Generating Stations in Southern California, Kewaunee in Wisconsin, Vermont Yankee in Vermont, and Crystal River in Florida. Decommissioning more than one hundred nuclear reactors will bring serious challenges for state governments and impacted communities.

Among those challenges: limited experience with reactor decommissioning in the United States; lack of consensus between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), reactor operators, States, and the public on adequate protection from residual radiation; absence of a geologic repositories to receive spent nuclear fuel; and insufficient funds set aside for decommissioning.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, and the New York Society for Ethical Culture seek to raise awareness of the significant public health, environmental, societal and financial challenge of decommissioning, now and in the coming decades, and identify sound and just paths forward.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions 10 am - 10:30 am

- **Welcome from NY Society for Ethical Culture**
- **Katherine Kennedy – Director, NRDC Energy & Transportation Program**

Panel I: National Perspectives on Decommissioning 10:30 am -12 pm

- **Mycle Schneider – Independent Consultant, Paris. Presentation:**
The Prospects for U.S. Nuclear Retirements in the International Context
- **Gregory Jaczko – Former Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission:**
Challenges Inherent in Sustainable, Durable Progress on Reactor Decommissioning
- **David Lochbaum – Union of Concerned Scientists:**
Technical and Regulatory Concerns for Decommissioning
- **Peter Bradford – Former NRC Commissioner, and Former Maine & New York Public Utility Commissioner:** State and Federal Roles in Decommissioning Policy: What They Are and What They Could Be
- **Geoffrey Fettus, NRDC Senior Attorney:** Panel Moderator

Catered Lunch Break 12 pm – 1 pm

Panel II: State and Local Decommissioning Issues:

A focus on New York

1 pm -2:30 pm

- **John Sipos – Assistant Attorney General, New York Attorney General’s Office:**
Challenges In New York from the Indian Point and Other Reactors
- **Deborah Katz – Executive Director, Citizen’s Awareness Network:**
Deregulation of Decommissioning
- **Tim Judson – Director, Nuclear Information & Resource Service:** Decommissioning Risks and Opportunities for States and Local Communities
- **Paul Gallay – President, Hudson Riverkeeper:** Perspectives on Indian Point
- **Manna Jo Greene – Environmental Director, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater:**
Panel Moderator

Open Discussion 2:30 pm – 3 pm

- **Geoff Fettus and Manna Jo Greene:** Discussion Moderators

Conference Close

- **Matthew McKinzie – Director, NRDC Nuclear Program:** Concluding Remarks

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