

UPDATE ON INDIAN POINT RELICENSING:

Giving All Citizens a Voice in the Relicensing Decision

Clearwater has gathered new evidence and filed testimony the NRC must consider in the relicensing process. It shows that Indian Point's continued operation not only threatens residents' safety in general, but specifically violates federal law and environmental justice, because it disproportionately threatens the safety of the very young, the very old, lower-income and minority residents.

Children in day care, people living in shelters, seniors in assisted living facilities and nursing homes and other institutionalized populations living near Indian Point are more or less ignored by current radiological emergency planning. Largely lower-income and minority residents, in the event of a serious accident at the plant, they would lack access to transportation, potassium iodide or even adequate provision to shelter in place, and are often not covered under any evacuation plan whatsoever, let alone a workable one.

Clearwater has testified before the NRC that these residents deserve equal consideration and their interests matter at least as much as the corporate interests of Entergy, the plant owner, whose hired consultants draft the figleaf evacuation plans. In our research, Rockland County Emergency Services even told us that they would like to distribute potassium iodide pills with the evacuation plan brochure to prevent thyroid cancer, but were seeking Entergy's permission first.

GET INVOLVED!

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