

The Legislature of Rockland County



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Legislator – District 10
Chair, Environmental Committee

AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, June 30, 2015
6:15 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2015 AND MAY 27, 2015 MEETINGS

1. REF. #6675 - OPPOSING INDIAN POINT'S LICENSE RENEWAL ON ACCOUNT OF 1) ITS VULNERABILITY TO POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING FIRES THAT COULD PRECIPITATE A CATASTROPHIC RADIOLOGICAL EVENT, 2) ITS LOCATION ON TWO FAULT LINES, AND 3) THE FAILURE TO ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE EVACUATION PLAN; AND, SHOULD LICENSE RENEWAL BE CONSIDERED, URGING THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF INDIAN POINT'S TRANSFORMERS, SEISMIC CONDITIONS, AND EVACUATION PLANS AS CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE
(HONS. A. WOLFE, H. CORNELL, N. LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)
2. REF. #7945 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM UNITED WATER NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A XERISCAPE GARDEN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE [DGS - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT]
(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, DGS - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)
3. REF. #2369 - CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW FLEISHMANN, POMONA, NEW YORK, TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE)

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Introduced by:

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Harriet D. Cornell, Sponsor
Hon. Nancy Low-Hogan, Sponsor

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**RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2015
OPPOSING INDIAN POINT'S LICENSE RENEWAL ON ACCOUNT OF 1) ITS
VULNERABILITY TO POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING FIRES THAT COULD
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TRANSFORMERS, SEISMIC CONDITIONS, AND EVACUATION PLANS AS
CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE**

WHEREAS, a transformer fire occurred on May 9, 2015 at Indian Point 3 that placed the facility at risk of destruction leading to a catastrophic radiological event; and

WHEREAS, a meltdown or catastrophic radiological fire could lead to millions of near and long-term deaths, cause millions of cases of chronic radiation sickness, devastate our region's economy, and could render large areas within the plant's fifty mile radius permanently uninhabitable; and

WHEREAS, the transformer fire of May 9, 2015 led to an unacceptable dielectric fluid spill into the Hudson River, and the broader environmental impact is as yet unknown; and

WHEREAS, the transformer that failed was a replacement for a transformer that similarly caught fire in 2007, and there have now been three (3) such fires since 2007; and

WHEREAS, spent nuclear fuel pools at Indian Point are overpacked, increasing the risk of massive destruction by fire at the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Indian Point has a mere twenty-four (24) minutes of fire protection on account of defective and insufficient insulation; and

WHEREAS, Indian Point 2 is currently operating without a license, and the license for Indian Point 3 expires in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) criteria for Indian Point's licensure renewal does not include an assessment of the health of

its transformers, and the NRC has thus far refused to grant New York State's request to include transformers under Indian Point's "Aging Management Plan;" and

WHEREAS, although Indian Point is located on two fault lines, and although an earthquake could place our population at grave risk of a catastrophe, the NRC nonetheless omits seismic conditions from its re-licensing checklist; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the re-licensing process does not take into consideration a successful evacuation plan with an adequate escape route for citizens whose lives would be endangered in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the NRC has inexplicably placed the commercial interests of plant owner Entergy before the health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the _____ Committee of the Legislature of Rockland County has met, considered and by a _____ vote approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County opposes Indian Point's license renewal on account of 1) its vulnerability to potentially devastating fires that could precipitate a catastrophic radiological event, 2) its location on two fault lines, and 3) the failure to establish an adequate evacuation plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission consider renewing Indian Point's licenses, the Legislature of Rockland County urges the NRC to include an evaluation of Indian Point's transformers, seismic conditions, and evacuation plans as criteria for licensure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Hon. Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary of the United States Department of Energy; Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Hon. Charles Schumer and Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senators; Hon. Nita M. Lowey, Member of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin Jr., New York State Senators; Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, Hon. James G. Skoufis, and Hon. Karl Brabanec, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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assistance of the Rockland County Task Force on Water Resources Management; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby directs the Clerk to the Legislature to express the appreciation of the County of Rockland to United Water New York, Inc. for their donation.

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WHEREAS, The Committee of the Legislature has met, considered and recommended this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby confirms the appointment of Matthew Fleischmann, Pomona, New York, to the Rockland County Environmental Management Council, to serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Rockland County Environmental Management Council and to the appointee, Matthew Fleischmann.

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