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Major Problems at Indian Point Continue to Call the Plant's Safety into Question

Congressman Eliot Engel, who has long called for Indian Point to be closed, is working to make Indian Point as safe as possible.

"As long as Indian Point remains open, we must continue to demand strict measures for maintaining it as a safe facility, one that is not contaminating our water nor risking our health, and that our citizens are prepared in the event of an emergency," Engel stated.

Recent problems at Indian Point included several failures in August, September and October 2005 of the 156-siren system. The most recent failure occurred on March 8, 2006.

Control rod malfunctions forced Indian Point 3 to be shut down. Radioactive water has leaked from a spent fuel pool into the Hudson.

In March, a contractor building a scaffold shut down Indian Point 2 when a carpenter bumped into a super-sized on/off switch that did not have a cover on it.

Commenting on the episode, Bob Baird wrote in the *Journal News*, "It reads like a scene out of an episode of 'The Simpsons'."

In February and March, Tritium was found near the Hudson River and it is likely to have seeped into the River.

The discovery of the Tritium took place days after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Commissioner Gregory Jaczko toured Indian Point in

response to demands from Engel and other officials and declared it "safe."

"The Environmental Protection Agency must investigate these egregious tritium findings! It is becoming obvious that the NRC is not doing enough to protect us," Engel stated.

Working to Make Indian Point Safer

Congressman Engel has sponsored legislation, met with federal officials and joined with other Congress Members to force action to be taken to address the problems.

He is working to have the new siren system be as comprehensive, safe and secure as possible.

The final siren plan is due at the Department of Homeland Security by May 1, 2006, and is scheduled to be active by January 30, 2007.

Engel inserted language in Coast Guard authorization legislation to

require the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a security assessment of all U.S. nuclear power plants, including the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

When federal officials refused to conduct an independent review of safety and other conditions at Indian Point, Congressman Eliot Engel joined with Congress Members Maurice Hinchey, Nita Lowey, Sue Kelly and Christopher Shays to introduce the "Independent Safety Assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant" bill and they are continuing to work for its passage.

Days later the NRC promised a "thorough, independent review." Promises aside, Engel is continuing to work for not only an NRC but also an Environmental Protection Agency review.

"I will continue do everything I can," Congressman Eliot Engel stated, "to make Indian Point safer until it is shut down."



Congressman Engel, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, discussing Indian Point safety issues and problems with Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Nils Diaz on March 22, 2006.

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