



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
The Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

We request an immediate investigation into the serious environmental problems caused by the operation of the Indian Point Power Plant in New York.

As you may know, the repeated failure of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide necessary oversight of the Indian Point Power Plant has caused numerous public health, environmental and safety concerns in New York. Just this week, it has been publicly reported that the New York Department of Health and New York Department of Environmental Conservation have known for three months that Strontium 90, a highly radioactive material that can cause leukemia, was present in a well approximately 100 yards from the Hudson River. This is in addition to earlier reports of the presence of tritium, cesium and cobalt.

These discoveries are only the latest in a list of environmental assaults on the region by the Indian Point Power Plant. The plant's destructive practices pose a significant threat to the area reservoirs and drinking water, and have killed billions of fish and aquatic life through unsafe cooling techniques each year in the Hudson River.

We request that you share with us what legal and regulatory authority the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has to address these problems, what regulatory requirements may apply to these abuses, and what, if any actions EPA is already taking. We formally request that EPA initiate an investigation of these problems using existing applicable authority.

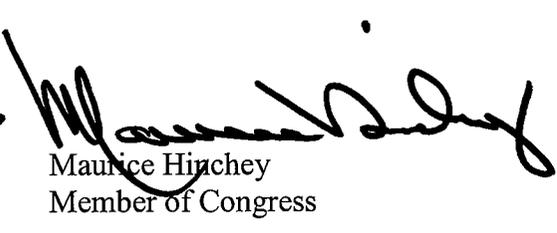
The safety of our constituents warrants an immediate and comprehensive

investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency. We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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