

**Memorializing Resolution May 18, 2023**

**HUDSON RIVER DRINKING WATER INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
(HUDSON 7) OPPOSITION TO THE DISCHARGE OF RADIOACTIVE  
WASTEWATER INTO THE HUDSON RIVER**

WHEREAS, Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, has announced its intention to release water from onsite radioactive fuel waste pools into the Hudson River; and,

WHEREAS, to date there has been no specific reporting of the radionuclide contents of this water which is heavily contaminated from the storage of the nuclear fuel waste; and,

WHEREAS, pre-release filtration to remove these isotopes has been presented as a solution to reduce the content of these carcinogenic contaminants to a level “as low as reasonably achievable”; and,

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled; and,

WHEREAS, such pre-release treatment would not remove tritium, also carcinogenic, from the water; and,

WHEREAS, any contaminants in the Hudson present the risk of entering the food chain; and,

WHEREAS, there are community members who depend on fish from the river as a food source; and,

WHEREAS, the river also serves as a source of recreational activities and represents an economic resource that will be endangered by this reckless action;

and,

WHEREAS, as stewards of the Hudson River as a drinking water supply, the Hudson 7 are concerned about any pollution into the river; and,

WHEREAS, the nearest Hudson 7 drinking water intake is about 35 miles upstream from Indian Point, and data indicates that the releases won't impact our intakes. However, the Hudson 7 is opposed to anything being dumped into the river that could possibly contaminate drinking water supplies and therefore, we support the proposed New York State legislation introduced by Senator Pete Harckham and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg that would prohibit radioactive waste from being dumped into the Hudson River, and urge Governor Hochul to put the health and safety of New Yorkers first by supporting this important legislation; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council (Hudson 7) strongly opposes the plan to release approximately one-million gallons of contaminated water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant site into the Hudson River and is calling for secure storage on-site while safer disposal methods are evaluated.

Motion: Mayor Gary Bassett, Chair (Village of Rhinebeck)

Second: Randy Alstadt (City of Poughkeepsie)

Motion passed unanimously by voting members: Shannon Harris (Town of Esopus), Nick Butler (Town of Esopus), Russell Gilmore (Town of Lloyd), Devin Rigolino (Dutchess County), Supervisor Jay Baisley (Town of Poughkeepsie), Lynn Ruggiero (Town of Hyde Park)