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April 17, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINATED WATER INTO THE HUDSON RIVER

Dear Governor Hochul:

Please find the enclosed resolution, on behalf of the Town of Philipstown in relation to the above captioned matter. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at townclerk@philipstown.com or by telephone at 845-265-3329.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk
Town of Philipstown

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINATED WATER INTO THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is one of the most important aquatic resources and ecosystems in the United States and, indeed, in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River also serves as a resource for tourism and recreational activities and represents an important regional and State economic resource; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Point nuclear power plant is situated on the banks of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the company decommissioning Indian Point 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, moreover, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson; and

WHEREAS, environmental damage to the Hudson River will inflict significant harm on all the communities situated on and along the River and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town of Philipstown, in Putnam County, NY strongly opposes the plan to release over a million gallons of contaminated water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant site into the Hudson River; and
2. That the Town of Philipstown calls on New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and their legislative colleagues to immediately adopt legislation proposed by Senator Pete

Harcckham and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, S5181/A5338, which would ban release of radioactive waste into the Hudson River immediately; and

3. That the Town of Philipstown calls on Holtec International's Board of Directors which advises the Company CEO on major policy matters and serves as the supreme watchdog of corporate governance, including President & Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kris Singh, Stuart Crooks, José A. Gago, Dr. Eduardo D. Glandt, James H. Miller, Dominique Miniere, George Norcross, Michael J. Pacilio, Jim Saxton and Martha J. Singh, to advise Holtec to suspend their plans to release radioactive waste into the Hudson River; and
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New York State Senate Majority Leader, the New York State Assembly Speaker, and the Board of Directors of Holtec International.

Councilwoman Farrell presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Angell,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Megan Cotter, Councilwoman, voting ___ABSENT_____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting _____AYE_____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting _____AYE_____

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting ___AYE_____

John Van Tassel, Supervisor, voting _____AYE_____

CERTIFICATION

I, **Tara K. Percacciolo**, the duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an extract from the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, held on April 13, 2023, and that the Resolution set forth herein is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Town Board of said Town adopted at said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that pursuant to section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said
Town, this 13th day of April, 2023.



Tara K. Percacciolo

TOWN CLERK

(seal)

A true copy of this Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on April 13, 2023.



Tara K. Percacciolo

TOWN CLERK