



Town Board

237 Rt 59
Suffern, NY 10901

Meeting: 05/24/23 07:00 PM
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ADOPTED

2023-269

Memorializing Resolution Opposing the Release of Contaminated Water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Site into the Hudson River

WHEREAS, 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 Science has indicated that there is no verifiably safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled and such pre-release treatment would not remove tritium, also carcinogenic, from the water; and

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

WHEREAS, there are community members who depend on fish from the Hudson River as a food source, and in addition, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, since the Hudson River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south, this fact must be considered; and

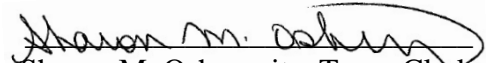
WHEREAS, the Hudson River also serves as a source of recreational activities and represents an economic resource that will be endangered by this action; and

WHEREAS, New York Senate bill S.5181 has been introduced, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the State and imposing fines for violations of \$25,000 per day, \$50,000 per day for a second violation, and \$150,000 per day per violation thereafter; and we strongly support the concept,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby 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 be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo hereby urges the New York State Senate to pass S.5181 - an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the State, urges the New York State Assembly to introduce similar legislation, and urges the governor to sign such legislation; and be it further.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Michael B. Specht, Brendel Charles, Michael Rossman, David Wanounou
ABSENT:	Yehuda Weissmandl


Sharon M. Osherovitz, Town Clerk