

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

**WHEREAS**, Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant has announced its intention to release radioactive waste water from onsite fuel 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 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**, in addition, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson; and

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

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senator Peter Harckham and New York State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg have proposed legislation which would ban release of radioactive waste into the Hudson River by Holtec International or any other successor to the decommissioning from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant; Now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators 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 RESOLVED**, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators supports Senator Harckham's and Assemblywoman Levenberg's legislation, S.5181, with regard to prohibiting the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the state from nuclear power plants; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Westchester County Federal and State Delegations, and Federal Nuclear Regulatory Committee and State Nuclear Regulatory Committee, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Dated:

March 6, 2023

White Plains, NY

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*The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.*

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