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**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 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 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 River present the risk of entering the food chain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south and seven communities upriver source drinking water from the Hudson River Estuary and its tributaries (namely members of the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council representing the City of Poughkeepsie, Village of Rhinebeck and the Towns of Esopus, Hyde Park, Lloyd, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck); and

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

**WHEREAS**, tritium has a half-life of only 12.5 years and therefore the contaminated water can be reasonably stored in enclosed tanks on site without interfering with the decommissioning of the waste pools, affording time to study alternative waste solutions or uses for the tritium; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senator Peter Harckham and New York State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg have introduced legislation (Senate Bill S.5181 and

Assembly Bill A.5338, respectively) which would ban release of radioactive waste into the Waters of the State, including 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 Village of Sleepy Hollow 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 Village of Sleepy Hollow hereby urges the New York State Senate and Assembly to adopt the aforementioned bills S.5181 and A.5338, and urges the Governor to sign such legislation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the following individuals/agencies: the Environmental Protection Agency, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Dept. of Health, NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board, NYS Public Service Commission, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Peter Harckham, State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, State Assemblymember Mary Jane Shimsky, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

**Move:** Deputy Mayor Scaglione    **Seconded:** Trustee Connell    **Vote:** Unanimous

I, Paul A. McCarthy the undersigned Clerk/Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an extract duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, on the 28 day of March, 2023 and of the whole thereof, and I further certify that the same was entered into the minutes of the meeting of said Board of Trustees held on said date.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 28 day of March, 2023  
Paul A. McCarthy  
Clerk/Deputy Clerk