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Dear Peter,

The Indian Point Nuclear Plants represent a very important concern within my legislative district. I have received a tremendous number of inquiries and questions from the community on this issue. My constituents are obviously very concerned and interested in this issue, as am I.

I have developed a list of questions regarding the fuel rods at Indian Point. The attached questions are part of my research, which will help me to determine what steps I should advocate.

I am very interested in learning what your opinion is on the questions attached. I would be grateful for your reply to as many questions as possible.

I would appreciate receiving your input on the fuel rods questions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sandra R. Galef



Fuel Rod Questions

1. Do you believe the spent fuel rods should be sent to a centralized burial site or should they stay on the Indian Point site? Why?
2. Which of the above proposals would be safer for the residents who live within the 10-mile radius?
3. What would be the best way to move the spent fuel rods?
4. Would using the Hudson River as a means of transport for the spent fuel rods be a safe option?
5. Has there ever been any transportation of spent fuel rods at any time from Indian Point to another site?
6. If there has, how was it transported and where was it shipped to?
7. What would be the best way to store the spent fuel rods on site?
8. What are the pros & cons for dry cask storage? How safe is it?
9. What are the pros & cons for water pool storage? How safe is it?
10. Are there any other methods of storage which could be used?
11. How long can a fuel rod be used before it is considered spent?
12. How many fuel rods does the nuclear plant use during a five-year period?
13. How many fuel rods are in use at any particular time at the two plants?
14. How many spent fuel rods are already being stored on site?
15. What is the storage capacity at Indian point? How much is currently being used and how much free space is available?