

IPEC PSDAP - Indian Point Energy Center - Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report - Hearing July 29, 2021, Tarry Town, N.Y.; Doors open 5:30, 6:00 Start, Catherine Skopic, Comments

My name is Catherine Skopic, Chair of the Sierra Club New York City Group and have been participating in anti-nuclear efforts through several organizations for many years. Thank you for holding this hearing - **I request that this evening's comments and your responses be posted online for the public and by mail on request.** Thank you.

I have 4 comments:

1. IP pipelines - **SHUT OFF All natural gas before DECOMMISSIONING BEGINS!** It's common sense and known by industry that one of the most guaranteed ways of causing a gas explosion is to excavate around live gas pipelines - and there are 3 of them here - I believe 30", 36" and 42" inch gas pipelines - the AIM pipeline - the Algonquin Incremental Market Pipeline. To my knowledge, there is no other nuclear site in the nation with natural gas pipelines traversing the location. To my knowledge, the gas traveling through these pipelines is headed to an LNG - liquified natural gas - port north to export overseas. Do you believe people are more important than profits? If so, make sure the **AIM and all natural gas is shut off before decommissioning begins.**

2. **Radiation Monitoring on and off-site must be established and:**

- A. Who will be monitoring?
- B. Who will pay for the monitoring?
- C. Who will be overseeing the monitoring?

We on the east coast are getting west coast forest fire particulates. Any airborne radioactive particles caused by decommissioning processes, excavation, explosion will contaminate the immediate area and travel. According to the World Nuclear Association, in their article, Nuclear Radiation & Health Effects, they state **"Radiation protection standards assume that any dose of radiation, no matter how small, involves a possible risk to Human Health."** Children and women are more vulnerable than men yet have not been included in medical radiation studies.

3. **How safe is the handling and storage of these highly radioactive materials?**

- A. For the workers
- B. For the people of the immediate vicinity, with elementary schools nearby
- C. For people of communities 25 - 100 miles away (includes NYC) and beyond

The proposed storage casks have been proven to be faulty at other sites - why use them at IP?

4. **Who is monitoring the expenditures of the 2 billion plus Decommissioning Fund?** What consequences await Holtec should they violate financial rules and regulations? What if they misrepresent reporting or over-spend? **Who will be checking their books?**