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NYPIRG STATEMENT REGARDING THE REPORTED AGREEMENT TO CLOSE THE INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The reports that the Cuomo Administration will announce an agreement to close the Indian Point nuclear power plant by 2021 is welcome news and should come as a relief to the millions of New Yorkers who live within 50 miles of the plants.

That decision stands in stark contrast to the decision of the Cuomo Administration to subsidize three aging, equally unsafe nuclear power plants on Lake Ontario. Upstate New Yorkers who live within 50 miles of those plants need the same protections as their downstate counterparts.

The reported closure is a welcome and important first step, but making New York nuclear free is still the goal. The governor should work to close the troubled upstate plants and relieve all New Yorkers of the mandate that they spend \$7.6 billion to subsidize these Vietnam War era generators.