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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON THE CLOSURE OF THE
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

(Albany, N.Y.) After a forty-year battle, today marks the closure of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River in Westchester County, just fifty miles north of New York City. The facility has had a long history of safety and operational concerns, including radiological leaks and fires.

The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:

“After a 40-year battle to protect New Yorkers from the risks posed by the Indian Point facility, the closure today of Indian Point is a tremendous victory. From its enormous expense to the ongoing inability to safely dispose of the waste, the lesson is clear: *Nuclear was wrong forty years ago, and it is wrong today.* With the closure of Indian Point, New Yorkers can now sleep easier without the threat of major nuclear disaster, environmental destruction, and no viable evacuation plan for the over 19 million people who live or work in the New York metropolitan area.

Now is the opportunity to lead New York to the future of safe, renewable power generation by rapidly expanding solar and wind energy, instead of dangerous and dirty nuclear energy or fracked gas. NYPIRG applauds and thanks partner organizations and community members for their tireless fight over the decades in getting this plant closed down.”

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