



STATEMENT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN NITA LOWEY
Cortlandt Task Force on the Closing of Indian Point
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Good evening and thank you, Supervisor Linda Puglisi, for inviting Congresswoman Lowey's office to join you this evening.

These monthly local task force meetings are imperative for giving the community directly affected by Indian Point's closure up-to-date information and a venue for community members to discuss related concerns.

Since 2002, Congresswoman Lowey has advocated shutting down Indian Point because of its security and safety risks for all of us in the New York metro area. She applauded Governor Cuomo's agreement with Entergy to close Indian Point's two nuclear reactors in 2020 and 2021, but she knows that we have our work cut out for us to address the economic impact.

In this time leading up to closure, it is critical for stakeholders at all levels to work together to minimize any negative impacts on Buchanan, Cortlandt and the Hendrick Hudson School District

In addition to Supervisor Puglisi and Governor Cuomo's task forces, as your representative in Congress, Mrs. Lowey is working on a comprehensive plan to address federal responsibilities in the closure process, including economic support.

In the coming weeks, she hopes to finalize and introduce legislation to:

- support the local tax base,
- facilitate removal of nuclear waste from the plant site, and
- ensure the safety and security of waste stored on site.

In addition to her own legislation, she has been working with Congressman Brad Schneider from Illinois to reintroduce legislation many of you have mentioned – the Stranded Nuclear Waste Accountability Act.

As you know, this legislation would require the Department of Energy to compensate localities where civilian nuclear waste is stored after the closure of a plant to help offset lost revenue that could have been collected if the plant site was redeveloped.

Rest assured that Congresswoman Lowey, I and her staff in Washington will continue fighting to ensure that the safety and security of Indian Point is paramount and that we do all we can before closure to support local jobs, schools, and the economy.

Thank you all for your hard work, and Congresswoman Lowey looks forward to continuing our critical partnership.

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