

Indian Point has long boosted community: Letters

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Braced for closure's economic impact

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This fascinating glimpse inside Indian Point's annual refueling cycle and accurately acknowledges its many economic benefits to our local communities.

For the past 40 years, Indian Point has been New York's energy backbone. The plant can provide 25 percent of New York City and the surrounding region's power, operating 93 percent of the time over the past decade to keep New York's lights on.

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Through this mass energy generation, Indian Point prevents 8.5 million metric tons of carbon emissions. Without Indian Point's 2,000 megawatts of emission-free energy, New York faces a 15 percent increase in carbon emissions as natural gas is brought online to fill the void left by Indian Point's clean power.

With more than 1,000 onsite workers and supporting another 4,000 jobs throughout the state, Indian Point is one of New York's largest employers. While Entergy will do its best to transition its workers to new jobs following the plant's closure, many of these will be out of state.

I am committed to working with the business community and our partners in government to do everything we can to preserve the jobs and economic benefits this plant has provided us with for so many years.

I look forward to the governor's plan to replace our safe, clean and reliable energy provider. Indian Point's loss will be sorely missed by our local communities and by the entire New York state.

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Entergy, and workers, shine with volunteerism

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This article provides several examples of Indian Point's impact on the Westchester community. Sadly, many people are just now realizing what an important neighbor the plant is and how much we'll miss it after its 2021 closing.

For more than 40 years, Indian Point has been a generous benefactor to the Westchester County community. Plant employees have contributed thousands of hours in community service and volunteer work. Indian Point's owner and operator, Entergy, has contributed more than \$1 million annually to local recipients, including the American Red Cross, Family Services of Westchester and Putnam Community Action Program.

I'm grateful to Entergy and its Indian Point employees for their long history of service and generosity to the community. Indian Point's loss will be a blow to these organizations and to Westchester County.

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