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H. R. 4891

To require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an Independent Safety Assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ENGEL, and Mrs. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an Independent Safety Assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INDEPENDENT SAFETY ASSESSMENT.**

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall
6 transmit to the Congress a report containing the results
7 of—

8 (1) a focused, in-depth Independent Safety As-
9 essment of the design, construction, maintenance,

1 and operational safety performance of the systems at
2 the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, Reactors 2
3 and 3, located in Westchester County, New York, in-
4 cluding the systems described in section 2; and

5 (2) a comprehensive evaluation of the radio-
6 logical emergency plan for Indian Point Nuclear
7 Power Plant, Reactors 2 and 3, conducted by the
8 Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Depart-
9 ment of Homeland Security, which shall include—

10 (A) a detailed explanation of the factual
11 basis upon which the Nuclear Regulatory Com-
12 mission and the Federal Emergency Manage-
13 ment Agency relied in—

14 (i) approving the radiological emer-
15 gency plan; and

16 (ii) making subsequent annual find-
17 ings of reasonable assurance that the plan
18 will adequately protect the public in the
19 event of an emergency,

20 beginning on July 25, 2003 and continuing to
21 the present; and

22 (B) a detailed response to each of the criti-
23 cisms of the radiological emergency plan con-
24 tained in the Review of Emergency Prepared-
25 ness of Areas Adjacent to Indian Point and

1 Millstone, published by James Lee Witt Associ-
2 ates on January 10, 2003.

3 **SEC. 2. SYSTEMS.**

4 The systems referred to in section 1(1) are the fol-
5 lowing:

6 (1) The reactor protection system.

7 (2) The control room ventilation system and the
8 containment ventilation system.

9 (3) The 4.16 kv electrical system.

10 (4) The condensate system.

11 (5) The spent fuel storage system.

12 **SEC. 3. INDEPENDENT SAFETY ASSESSMENT MODEL.**

13 The Independent Safety Assessment conducted at In-
14 dian Point Nuclear Power Plant shall be equal in depth
15 and breadth to the Independent Safety Assessment of the
16 Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, located near Bath,
17 Maine, conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
18 in 1996.

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