

CITY OF BEACON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2023

URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A7208/S6893 TO MAKE UNLAWFUL THE DISCHARGE OF RADIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCES INTO THE HUDSON RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECOMMISIONING OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, the Indian Point nuclear power plant is located in Buchanan, New York, which is approximately seventeen miles south of the City of Beacon; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is a tidal river and water from Buchanan flows to the City of Beacon; and

WHEREAS, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant has announced its intention to release contaminated water from onsite radioactive fuel waste pools into the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023, the City of Beacon City Council passed a resolution in opposition to the discharge of contaminated water into the Hudson River and in support of a ban on the release of any radiological agents into the waters of New York; and

WHEREAS, State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg and Senator Pete Harckham have sponsored Assembly Bill 7208 and Senate Bill 6893, respectively, which makes it unlawful to discharge any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant and subjects violators to a civil penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon urges the New York State Legislature to pass A7208/S6893 and that Governor Hochul sign the legislation once adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beacon City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Rob Rolison, Senator Pete Harckham, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
X		Paloma Wake	X				
		Justice McCray	X				
		George Mansfield					X
		Wren Longno					X
	X	Molly Rhodes	X				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	X				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	X				
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