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Media Advisory

Nuclear Power Experts Confirm Catastrophic Risks of Locating New Gas Pipeline Adjacent to Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant

Project Nearing Completion and Full Operation

On **Thursday, December 15th at 2:00 PM**, Paul Blanch, a leading nuclear power safety expert will address the potential catastrophic risks of siting a large, high-pressure gas pipeline directly adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

Where: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, CBIS Auditorium, 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180.
Time: Presentations will start at 2 PM. Q & A will follow.

Who: Paul Blanch, nuclear power safety expert with more than 50 years of experience in military and civilian nuclear power; former consultant to New York State and Indian Point. Other invited speakers from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Spectra Energy, and Entergy.
RPI engineering students, faculty and other professionals, public officials and members of the public are invited to attend.

Background:
Construction of the Spectra AIM gas pipeline adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant is nearing completion and operation in a matter of weeks. The pipeline is a large 42" wide, high-pressure gas pipeline that is sited only 105 feet from critical infrastructure vital to the safe operation of the facility, located in Buchanan, New York, just 35 miles north of New York City. Calculating the risks of designing, siting, installing and operating a high-pressure gas pipeline in close proximity to an aging nuclear power plant is complex especially when sited in the most densely populated region in the nation.

The primary focus is the absence of any independent, transparent and credible risk assessment required by the regulations of the NRC and PHMSA

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