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## **Media Advisory for Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

### **Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) Hosts Tour for Health and Disaster Preparedness Professionals of Siting of Spectra AIM Pipeline Adjacent to Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant**

On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, Physicians for Social Responsibility will be hosting a tour for health and disaster preparedness professionals of the siting of the Spectra AIM pipeline adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant. Tour will be followed by a press conference featuring Dr. Irwin Redlener, Director of National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Earth Institute at Columbia University and Paul Blanch, a nuclear power expert.

**What:** Tour of siting of Spectra AIM pipeline adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant followed by press conference.

**Where:** Tour begins at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Highland Avenue in Verplanck in Westchester County, New York and proceeds to Broadway heading toward Bleakley Avenue. Tour followed by press conference which will be held at the Hendrick Hudson Free Library at 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY 10548(1.2 miles - 4 minute drive heading south on Broadway to 6<sup>th</sup> St. Left onto 6<sup>th</sup> St, continue onto Kings Ferry Road )

**Time:** Tour begins at 10:30 am. Press conference begins at 11:45 am.

**Who:** Dr. Irwin Redlener, Director, National Center of Disaster Preparedness at Earth Institute at Columbia University, Paul Blanch, nuclear power expert, PSR and other health professionals.

#### **Background:**

Construction of the Spectra AIM gas pipeline adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant is nearing completion and operation on November 1. The pipeline is a large 42" wide, high pressure gas pipeline that is sited only 105 feet from critical safety structures at the Indian Point nuclear power facility. According to safety experts, a pipeline rupture at that location could result in a nuclear catastrophe endangering millions of New Yorkers who live within the 50-mile impact radius.

Event hosted by **Physicians for Social Responsibility**, a member organization comprised of medical professionals who have been advocating for public health and safety for over 50 years.

\*Please note for the start of the tour, cars should park along Highland Avenue near 11<sup>th</sup> street in Verplanck in Westchester County, New York.

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