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Mr. Neil Chatterjee  
Chairman,  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: AIM pipeline**

Dear Chairman Chatterjee:

As you may know, a recently released report from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Inspector General shockingly revealed a significantly flawed risk analysis of the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline that crosses the Indian Point nuclear plant. This seriously calls into question the safety of the entire surrounding area, which includes New York City and millions of people.

The Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC) is right in the heart of my State Senate District, which lives each day in the shadow of a nuclear power plant with a potentially dangerous high-pressure natural gas pipeline running under it. The thought of a pipeline explosion under a nuclear plant is horrifying.

The NRC assured the public of the safety of the pipeline, while conducting analyses the Inspector General found to be misrepresented, misleading, and inaccurate. Based in part on this assurance of safety, FERC approved the AIM pipeline.

NRC Chairman Kristine Svinicki has now given her personal assurance to the U.S. Senate that the flawed analysis will be examined and that a reanalysis of the pipeline will be conducted within 45 days.

Her assurances are a good start, but three billion cubic feet of high-pressure gas is still flowing daily through the AIM pipeline under IPEC and no one really knows how safe it is.

In the name of the safety of millions of New Yorkers, I ask that FERC shut down the AIM pipeline, at the very least until the NRC presents its report on the new analysis. After that, your agency should determine from the new findings whether the pipeline should be permanently shut.

I would appreciate it if you examine this matter in a timely fashion and look forward to your response.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Harckham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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