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Mr. Mitch Behm  
Acting Inspector General  
Office of Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Behm,

We are writing to you to urge that an immediate and thorough investigation be undertaken in order to determine if the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has complied with 49 CFR 192 and 49 U.S.C. 601 et seq. relating to the pipelines in the vicinity of Indian Point in Buchanan, NY. In light of the troubling report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of the Inspector General, *Concerns Pertaining to Gas Transmission Lines at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Case No. 16-024*, it is clear that no suitable analysis was conducted. With a nuclear power generating facility sitting above high-pressure natural gas pipelines, complying with the above regulations is the absolute minimum.

We support the request Mr. Paul Blanch made to you in a letter dated April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 calling for your investigation of this matter. As the New York State representatives covering Indian Point and the surrounding communities, we implore you to shutdown and purge the pipelines pending the outcome of an independent risk assessment and any corrective action it might require. We are endangered because of failure to follow through on existing regulations. This is unacceptable. Our constituents should not bear this risk.

We look forward to your response to our two requests.

Sincerely,

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