

Westchester County Board of Legislators

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: JANUARY 22, 2007

MEMBERS: Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Kaplowitz, Rogowsky, Myers, Maisano

IN ATTENDANCE: **BOL STAFF:** Chris Crane, Rick Pezzullo; L. Rainwater (Riverkeeper), M. Schepart (SCORE); M. Jo Green (Clearwater); Bob Macedo, Stephen Filler; Greg Clary (Journal News) **(list of other attendees is on file)**

TOPIC: Independent Safety Assessment; Minutes of 1/8/07 Meeting

DISCUSSION:

Chair Abinanti called the meeting to order at 3:25pm. The Committee reviewed and approved the draft minutes of the January 8, 2007 Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed a proposed resolution supporting an independent safety assessment (ISA) of the Indian Point Power Plant. Precedents for such action at several levels of government were identified, including current legislative proposals in Congress. Lisa Rainwater, Riverkeeper, explained the ISA process and described its implementation at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. In addition, the Committee noted the pending re-licensing for Indian Point and other plant evaluations (e.g., Witt report). The Committee made minor language changes to the proposal. Upon the motion of Chair Abinanti, seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz, the Committee approved the ISA resolution (4-0).

The Committee then heard from Margo Schepart, who briefly described poor energy practices at many schools in Westchester County. Ms. Schepart provided the Committee with materials that highlight energy waste and suggest energy conservation techniques. Because of time constraints, the Committee requested Ms. Schepart return at a future meeting to further inform the Committee on this topic.

Upon the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Chair Abinanti, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm (4-0).