



**LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE**  
**INDIAN POINT CLOSURE A LOSE/LOSE FOR NEW YORK**  
**GOVERNOR MAKES PROMISES HE CAN'T KEEP**

Governor Cuomo's grand announcement on January 9 that he had reached an agreement to close the Indian Point nuclear facility by 2021 came with lots of promises that he surely will not be able to keep.

In the generally vague public details of the agreement with Indian Point owner Entergy, the Governor kept hidden just exactly how he plans to replace the loss of 2,000 MW of clean power that Indian Point generates. He also was vague about where new, clean zero emission energy would be found. At this point it looks like Cuomo will send the 1,000 jobs lost straight to Canada and its hydroelectric power.

"I guess he is counting on running an extension cord to Canada," said James T. Slevin, President of Local 1-2, NY, Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, who represents more than 350 Indian Point operators. "The fact remains that there is absolutely no infrastructure in place now, nor will there be in 2021, that will provide clean, zero emission power that Indian Point supplies today."

Slevin noted that Indian Point provides nearly 25% of all energy needs in New York City and Westchester County. "Indian Point provides clean, affordable energy in abundance, which helps stabilize rates for ratepayers. New Yorkers are going to get hit hard in their pocketbooks when this shakes out."

Slevin said it was laughable that Entergy would offer to transfer Indian Point workers to its other properties. "Entergy is a Louisiana outfit and they want out of New York State. The jobs they will offer will be in 'right-to-work' states which just means the right to work for less pay."

Slevin said the Governor's Ahab-like obsession to close Indian Point will come at a cost too high. "This essentially kills the Village of Buchanan, not to mention the loss of tens of millions of dollars in lost revenue to Westchester County and the local businesses that supply Indian Point."

"This is a LOSE/LOSE for New Yorkers because there is no there there. This is a costly blunder," Slevin said.