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## **Statement on U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Safety Determination on Indian Point Energy Center**

New York, NY/August 12, 2009 – In conjunction with today's announcement of a favorable final safety evaluation report (SER) by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerning Indian Point's license renewal application, Jerry Kremer, chairman of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA), issued the following statement.

“After rigorous, unprecedented scientific and engineering scrutiny, Indian Point has once again passed important safety tests and assessments.

“Safety is and should always be first at Indian Point. But it is also critically important economically for the region.

“The time for fear mongering and demagoguery about Indian Point is over. The plant provides massive amounts of non-greenhouse gas emitting electricity to the region. Studies have shown that closing it would lead to more than 12,000 job losses, higher carbon emissions in downstate New York, and significantly higher energy prices.

“New York will be well served by having Indian Point obtain license renewal. Furthermore, the plant's critics year after year have failed to put forth any credible replacement alternatives.”

***About New York AREA:*** Founded in November 2003, the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA) is a diverse group of more than 150 business, labor, and community groups whose mission and purpose is to ensure that New York has an ample and reliable electricity supply, and economic prosperity for years to come. New York AREA helps to educate policy makers, businesses, and the general public regarding the necessity and importance of safe, low-cost and reliable electricity. Entergy, owner of the Indian Point, is a New York AREA member. For additional information visit: [www.area-alliance.org](http://www.area-alliance.org).

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