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Business, labor leaders urge state DEC to reassess IP permit denial

NEW YORK – A group of 14 business and labor leaders Wednesday urged the state Department of Environmental Conservation to revisit a draft policy that denied an Indian Point power plant permit that is crucial to receiving Nuclear Regulatory Commission license renewals.

The DEC proposal aims to reduce the mortality impact that nuclear power plants have on fish eggs and larvae in the Hudson River.

Those who spoke out are all members of New York AREA, a pro Indian Point group, whose chairman is Arthur “Jerry” Kremer, who said if it stands, the DEC position would impact other power plants and some large industrial facilities.

“As a result of being located on the water, the DEC policy now is they want anybody who applies for a permit to rehabilitate a building, get a new license in the future, they want them to build cooling towers as a way to discharge this heated water and the net result of it is anywhere from Montauk Point to Buffalo, utility customers are going to be asked to pay these phenomenal costs for cooling towers that are just not necessary,” he said.

Indian Point owner Entergy, meanwhile, says it is appealing the decision, saying that its technology is sufficient to mitigate any problems.