

MYTHS & FACTS



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MYTH:

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) says there will be no reliability issues when Indian Point closes.

FACT:

NYISO's Power Trends Report states that replacement resources will be needed in the Lower Hudson Valley. Danskammer is needed to run today, and NYISO is counting on the plant to continue running.

MYTH:

The project contradicts the state's new energy goals under CLCPA (Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act).

FACT:

CLCPA creates targets, not mandates. A committee will investigate the feasibility of the targets.

Less than 5% of the state's energy comes from wind and solar. Cleaner, reliable power producers like Danskammer are needed to support renewable generation.

MYTH:

A repowered Danskammer means New York is "locked in" to 30+ years of fossil fuel infrastructure.

FACT:

The state's grid pulls from the cheapest, most efficient sources first. If and when wind and solar are available, Danskammer will run less, or not at all.

MYTH:

A repowered Danskammer would greatly increase regional emissions.

FACT:

A repowered Danskammer would reduce emissions by 80-95% per kilowatt hour. Most power generation in the lower Hudson Valley is 40+ years old. A new Danskammer would replace the old Danskammer AND offset other regional facilities.

MYTH:

Danskammer is in a floodplain and prone to flooding.

FACT:

The new facility would be further back from the river, at a much higher elevation. Power generation equipment will be sited outside the 500-year flood zone.