

# Scientists warn of closing nuclear plant

**The National Academy of Sciences has issued a warning concerning the planned closing of the Indian Point nuclear plant near New York City.**

The scientists say shutting down the reactors would make electricity more expensive, leave New York more vulnerable to natural gas shortages and add to the pollution that causes global warming, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The scientists noted demand for electricity is rapidly increasing in the New York City area and meeting that demand during peak hours will be difficult -- even if the nuclear power plant remained in operation.

Congress provided \$1 million for the study under a bill sponsored by Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who is calling for the plant to close. She says the nuclear reactors pose a risk because of the threat of an accident or terrorist attack.

The Indian Point nuclear plant is located about 35 miles north of New York City.

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