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CRA provides analysis on Indian Point Energy Center retirement

Recent seismic events in Japan and Washington, DC, have caused some to call for the closure of Indian Point Energy Center, a nuclear power plant in Westchester County, New York, because of its proximity to New York City. The City of New York wanted an unbiased, rigorous analysis of the effects of closing the plant on the state and city and so retained CRA's Energy & Environment Practice.

The CRA team, headed by project manager and principal author of the report Christopher Russo, led a process with numerous governmental and commercial participants and conducted a detailed economic, reliability, and environmental analysis of the potential effects of the proposed retirement. This analysis helped the City of New York and other key energy stakeholders understand the implications of closing the plant.

CRA's analysis has garnered significant press coverage and continues to be cited by numerous parties, including both those favoring and opposing the plant's shutdown. Read a *New York Times* article [here](#).

For a summary of key findings, click [here](#). To read the full report, please click [here](#). Contact Chris at crusso@crai.com for more information.

Cross-state air pollution rule (CSAPR) finalized

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) on July 6, 2011. EPA designed the rule to reduce air pollution and attain clean air standards by restricting emissions of SO₂ and NO_x in 27 eastern US states. It has significant ramifications for power markets throughout the CSAPR region. This article describes the finalization of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) by the EPA. To read about the CSAPR, click [here](#).

CRA has conducted an extensive initial assessment of CSAPR and its effect on the industry. We will continue to monitor the regulations and update our views. Please contact Principal Barclay Gibbs at bgibbs@crai.com or Vice President Ira Shavel at ishavel@crai.com for more information.

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