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OSWEGO FIGHTS FOR UPSTATE ENERGY JOBS

County IDA and Community Ask Governor Cuomo for Help in New Ad Campaign

Oswego, N.Y. – The County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency called on Governor Cuomo today to fight for Upstate New York and the thousands of families whose livelihoods depend on the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba, N.Y. The agency backed this call with newspaper ads, a new [website](#) and an online [video](#) demonstrating the impact FitzPatrick has on the community, known as the Energy Capital of New York State.

“Governor Cuomo must find a way to keep FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant open,” said Operation Oswego County Executive Director L. Michael Treadwell. “In addition to the 615 people working at the plant, more than 1,000 building tradesmen and skilled workers jobs hang in the balance. There are hundreds of other jobs – at hospitals, hotels, restaurants, and grocery stores – that are now at risk, too.”

“We’re going to fight for FitzPatrick’s jobs, and we need Governor Cuomo with us,” said Gary Toth of Carpenters Local 277. “He can make a deal with Entergy; he can revise the way carbon credits are administered; he can address the transmission constraints that keep power generated at FitzPatrick from reaching Downstate markets; or he can help find a buyer for this top-notch facility.”

The ad campaign features Oswego County residents and business leaders, demonstrates the impact on a community of closing a nuclear power plant and asks readers to tell Governor Cuomo that New York State needs more clean power.

The website, www.upstateenergyjobs.com, explains how FitzPatrick’s closure will cripple the Upstate New York economy and encourages visitors to make a difference by signing the Save FitzPatrick petition.

In the video, http://upstateenergyjobs.com/watch_the_video, Oswego County residents explain, in their own words, the devastating impact the shuttering of FitzPatrick will have on their community and livelihoods.

“Let’s find the economic solutions that we desperately need to find to make this a viable plant and a profitable plant for Entergy to continue to operate,” said Ronald Tascarella, senior vice president, Pathfinder Bank. “If we can’t find those solutions, we need the Governor to help us find another solution to keep the plant open.”



This is What Closing a Nuclear Power Plant Looks Like

Now more than ever, Upstate New York needs Governor Cuomo to find a way to keep FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant open.

Upstate New York's health, education, industry, and services are all under siege with nothing to worry about, as one of the region's largest economic engines is scheduled to go silent.

Entergy has announced the company will shut its James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba if that happens. Upstate New York stands to lose 615 jobs at the plant, an additional 1,000 jobs in tradesmen and skilled workers involved in building, maintaining and plant designs, as well as hundreds more good-paying jobs at risk of the state's dependence on the regional economy that is already lagging behind the rest of the state.

Now the Governor and state leaders need to show Upstate New York is energy jobs by making it a reality. Entergy's making it impossible for us to operate if FitzPatrick. Doing that will help secure the future of nuclear energy production in New York.

The Entergy will Governor Cuomo that New York State needs more clean power. Upstate New York needs more good-paying jobs. Upstate New York needs the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

UpstateEnergyJobs.com

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If James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant closes, it would be a devastating blow to a regional economy that's already lagging behind the rest of the state. The closure also means losing millions of dollars in economic activity and another crippling blow that will drive more highly trained workers and their families out of New York State.

"Oswego County already has the highest unemployment rate in New York State. The consequences of a FitzPatrick closure are unfathomable," continued Treadwell. "We are fighting for our community and need Governor Cuomo to do the same."

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