1. List the organization's major activities over the past year.

The Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition continues to maintain its place with other major environmental groups which are working to close Indian Point. Since we are an all-volunteer group with no paid staff or regular source of income this is an accomplishment that should not be over looked. Our dedicated members stay up to date on the most recent developments, share with other groups what we discover and urge our membership to take appropriate actions. We have been doing this since we were first founded shortly after 9/11.

A complete listing of the events we have initiated, sponsored and participated in is included as an attachment. Here are some highlights.

Our first event of the reporting period was a complex program that grew out of the Sierra Club Anti-Nuclear Conference in 2014. It brought together three knowledgeable speakers on uranium mining to make the connection between Indian Point, the nuclear fuel cycle and its impact on First Peoples. It also included a panel discussion, the Peace Walkers with Jun San Yasuda and a potluck for all at the end of the program. This event was well attended by many from other groups who were surprised at what they learned and dedicated to taking this knowledge back to their constituents. The program was repeated the next day in New York City and individual presenters were videotaped for a college-level oral history project.

A group field trip to the new headquarters of the Independent System Operator was organized and well attended so that we could all have a better understanding of how the grid operates.

The documentary film Indian Point by producer Ivy Meeropol was launched at the Tribeca Film Festival and featured one of our members. The film, which is neutral on nuclear power, went on to numerous screenings with panel discussions and director’s talks afterwards and brought some clarity to a highly polarized topic.

Under IPSEC sponsorship, Alexander Franke of the Heinrich Boll Institute in Berlin made a presentation at Stony Point in regard to the German energy policy, Energiewende. The program was videotaped.

We co-sponsored with Shut Down Indian Point Now one of the first programs in NYC on the connection between Indian Point and the Algonquin Pipeline, which runs 150 feet from Indian Point. Both nuclear experts and pipeline experts made presentations.

Our members participated in other events in New York City, such as the Water Festival, organized by the Friends of Clearwater, and the St. George Day Festival on Staten Island.

In Westchester, along with Stop the Algonquin Pipeline (SAPE) and other organizations, we co-sponsored a major outdoor event in support of the Paris climate talks, which was called From Peekskill to Paris. Our members tabled at local festivals and also at a major weekend festival – the Great Hudson River Revival. Although we no longer hold our weekly vigils, we participate with SAPE in vigils for clean energy and more renewables.

As the attached calendar shows, we met with selected local officials and with the NRC Chairman Stephen Burns and presented information to many different groups both in Westchester and in
NYC. Our members were interviewed on radio and on local public-access television programs. Our 2016 program on Fukushima involved scientists from Fukushima explaining the current situation in regard to radioactivity in the food and water.

We were active participants in the statewide fight to stop nuclear power from being included in the Clean Energy Standards as Tier 3, which was added by Governor Cuomo. Two of our members are lawyers and they are key players in filing documents for court and for legal hearings. We worked closely with Alliance for a Green Economy and Nuclear Information Resource Center in coordinating actions from Albany to New York City and succeeded in having an extra hearing added to the Westchester schedule. The Public Service Commission approved Tier 3 and the $7.3 BILLION nuclear tax it included. We are watching the situation and still exploring options for action.

2. **What major accomplishments or victories did you achieve over the past year?**

Two of our events highlight outstanding accomplishments in their significance to the wider outreach IPSEC has decided to pursue. The first is civil disobedience. Some of our members joined other activists as a group of eleven and physically blocked the entrance to Indian Point. They were arrested and the subsequent publicity and trial generated a lot of news and discussion. There is a video of the aftermath of the trial called “Guilty and Proud of It” on YouTube: [http://tinyurl.com/guiltyand-proud](http://tinyurl.com/guiltyand-proud).

The second event in support of a wider, more national reach, was the weekend Safe Energy Summit we organized at Stony Point Center which included experts from national groups.

A third matter of growing importance is the creation of our own videos and advertising. We started producing advertising spots in response to an Entergy ad at a Convergence and have greatly expanded this venue. We plan to focus more on this effort during the next year by running advertising on regular TV channels and starting our own public-access program. As always, distribution of our information through the regular press is difficult and exploring these options presents an exciting opportunity to reach more members of the public. Our first commercial, Clean Air and Clean Water, is airing on Cablevision right now. It can be viewed at [http://tinyurl.com/ipsec-ad](http://tinyurl.com/ipsec-ad).

1. **What major impacts did your organization have this year?**

One obvious impact was when the Nuclear Regulatory Commission came to us for help in devising a format for their Annual Assessment Meeting for Indian Point. Although there was not enough time to allow for successful implementation of the new format at the meeting, we did succeed in forcing the NRC to record the meeting, something they had not done before. The audio of the meeting was promptly posted after the meeting. We plan to continue to demand that all public meetings be recorded for the record and will be responding to their call for additional input. We are encouraging nuclear groups in different parts of the country to do the same thing.

With things that are less concrete, like outreach, it is difficult to measure impact. The debate with Robert Stone, producer of *Pandora’s Promise*, a pro-nuclear film, over the closing of Indian Point felt like an impactful event. It was held at John Jay School of Criminal Justice and the auditorium was full of students and the public. Yet, measuring the long-term impact on the thinking of those present and to what that may lead is not possible. It is much easier to measure our Facebook page by the number of hits it gets—which has been increasing—and the same on our Web page, which is currently under revision. We hope to make it a busy site that can answer many questions about Indian Point. One measure of its success will be a significant increase in the number of visitors to the site. Our videos will be posted on The Environment TV and, once we figure out our means of distribution, we will measure the impact of our videos by how many people view them.
2. How do these activities, accomplishments and impacts relate to the plans or objectives you outlined in last year’s sponsorship application? Describe how and why these may have changed or evolved.

Our mission statement is as follows:

“We will focus our energy on public events and actions on developing and offering training, and on listening to, lobbying and influencing key elected officials and decision-makers at all levels. We will be strategic about building relationships with key influencers in the media and in activist, labor, civic and faith-based organizations. Our primary commitments are to prevent Indian Point re-licensing in 2015, to pass the Health & Safety Resolution in every government, municipality and social organization in the region, and to emphasize a positive reframing around increased energy capacity and renewable energy.”

We need to rethink our mission and strategy to pass the Health and Safety Resolution as it has stalled in town board meetings and we have not been successful in restarting it. The New York City Resolution to close Indian Point has been equally difficult to bring to fruition. At our spring Summit we decided to focus less on events and more on outreach to elected officials and other decision makers. As a volunteer organization, we are most effective when our members are willing and eager to work on such projects and will work on updating our mission statement over the next reporting period.

3. What are your organization's objectives and strategies for the period from 7/1/16 through 6/30/17?

Our objective remains the same: prevent the relicensing of the Indian Point nuclear reactors. We plan more outreach to the public through paid media and a more effective use of social media. We will be producing 30-second advertisements to air on cable TV and are exploring 10-second spots that can air on radio during drive time. We will be careful in the way we use our time and energy and concentrate on fewer events. We will continue our work with allied organizations in order to expand our outreach and spend more time in outreach to decision makers.

4. Lay out on a timeline your organization's planned activities for the year ahead, noting any new programs or significant changes to existing programs.

We continue to meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month except for some holidays when the schedule is slightly altered. There is also a regular Monday conference call that is open to all. Our core group listserv is a valuable means of communicating between meetings and conference calls and is sometimes used as an organizing tool. We will continue our usual outreach tables at seasonal festivals in order to expand our mailing list, even though our largest outreach event, the Great Hudson River Revival, was canceled for 2016. As of June 2016, stopping Tier 3 from being included in the Clean Energy Standards and working with our allies is top priority. The summer and fall months will provide us time to reassess what we are doing and plan additional activities and campaigns that will depend on what happens with the CES.

5. Have there been any changes to the organizational structure, leadership, membership, or decision-making process? If so, please describe and explain.

Our organizational structure and decision making process remains the same. We operate on consensus with members taking the lead on activities of interest to them.

6. Describe your leadership development and capacity-building efforts over the past year, if
any.

New people are tutored, quickly brought up to speed, and encouraged to step forward and assume lead organizing roles. They are supported by the group when they do so.

7. **What have been the organization's major challenges over the past year, not including access to funding? How did the organization choose to respond or adapt to meet these challenges?**

Two major challenges have been our inability to move forward on the Health and Safety Resolution with a plurality of town boards and the Close Indian Point Resolution pending in New York City Council. We continue to look for opportunities to press forward on both of these issues while moving forward with different strategies. Adequate press coverage is a big problem. Newspapers tend to see Indian Point as old news unless there is a major accident. This is a major obstacle to informing the public. We have expanded our social media outreach to get around this newspaper and television blackout.

8. **What are your fundraising plans for 2016-2017? If the organization experienced significant setbacks in fundraising over the past year, how has it responded or adapted to meet the lack of funds?**

When we need money, we ask our members to give it to us. This has worked well in the past. This year money was needed in connection with court costs for those who were arrested for blocking the gate to Indian Point. We used Indiegogo for the first time and raised enough money to cover this expense with some left over that could be used to purchase new banners (https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/close-indian-point—2#/; we hit 108% of our goal with 75 backers). We anticipate using this venue, or a similar crowd-funding site, again.

9. **What, if any, steps do you take to let your supporters know about your sponsorship relationship with the Muste Institute? Are we listed on your website? Please include links or examples where relevant.**

The Muste Institute is listed on our web site and we use the online donation link that you provide. Here is the link which is on our website: http://tinyurl.com/ajmuste. Your newsletter is most helpful in listing things that the Institute is involved in and providing us specific item that we can share with our membership. The AJ Muste Institute always comes up in funding because of the tax deduction allowed, since you are our fiscal sponsor.

10. **Is your project taking any steps to become a tax exempt 501(c)(3) entity? If so, please list steps taken.**

We have thoroughly explored the 501(c)(3) option and have chosen not to pursue it. Our affiliation with Muste meets our financial needs. The Muste statement on non-discrimination is also very useful and will be posted on our website. We will take a more nuanced look at this model and see what changes need to be made prior to the next reporting period.

11. **Does your organization plan to use Muste sponsorship funds for any of the following activities in the coming year: grassroots or direct lobbying, voter registration, get-out-the-vote, voter education or other election-related activities? If so, please explain.**

We have not done any specific election-related activities; however, Muste sponsorship funds will be used for voter education in regard to Indian Point. This includes educational materials and support money for
various event related expenses. We use the Lower Hudson Sierra Club list of endorsed candidates to inform our membership of the position of political candidates on Indian Point.