

October 6, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Governor Hochul,

The Hudson River is a national historic site and beloved by all for its beauty and economic value. Dumping radioactive water into the river is something that many individuals and organizations rejected when the Save the Hudson bill was passed and then signed by you. We appeal to you on behalf of all of the individuals, organizations, and municipalities who do not want our Hudson River contaminated to use the power of your office to commit to what the Save the Hudson law specified and to support an appeal of the Federal Court's determination.

On August 18, 2023 you signed this bill into [law](#), known as Save the Hudson Bill, to protect New York State's financial resources, which was supported in the Senate 63-0 and in the Assembly 100-44. Resolutions and petitions by 3 counties and 35 municipalities, 138 environmental organizations representing 200,000 people, and 446,476 individuals signed a [petition](#) calling for this legislation.

On September 24, 2025 the United States Federal District Court made a ruling in *Holtec v. State of New York No.24-CV-2929 (KMK)* that the federal government has sole jurisdiction over nuclear waste discharges of tritiated water into the Hudson River.

We urge you to ask Attorney General Letitia James to file an appeal of the federal court's decision because this decision dangerously exposes New York State to federal pre-emption of New York State's Clean Air and Clean Water laws. This decision is especially dangerous to New York's economic well being. Failing to appeal this decision could cause long term harm to the State by forcing New York State to subsidize federally approved nuclear reactor sites, without consent.

It is important, now more than ever, to appeal this ruling which allows the federal government to usurp New York State's right to protect its economic health. We ask you to file an appeal to the federal court's decision which denies New York State the right to protect its economy. We urge you to do everything in your power to stop the dumping of radioactive waste into the Hudson River.

Sincerely,

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