



**CITY OF PEEKSKILL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Frank A. Catalina
Mayor

August 9, 2016

(via www.federalregister.com)

U.S. Coast Guard

Re: Docket I.D. USCG-2016-0132

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Peekskill, along with the many Hudson River towns, has invested time, energy and money in cleaning up and beautifying the Riverfront over the course of many years. Peekskill's planning and hard work has finally come to fruition with the Southern Waterfront Park and Trailway and Scenic Hudson Park at Peekskill Landing. These parks are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, on a daily basis.

The Hudson River has long been plagued with pollution from various contaminants discharged into its waters. Over the years, tremendous efforts have been put forth in passing state and federal environmental laws preventing further contamination. It has taken many years to cleanup the Hudson River, a process which has been costly and time consuming, but in spite of the many hurdles experienced, much progress has been made, and the cleanup continues.

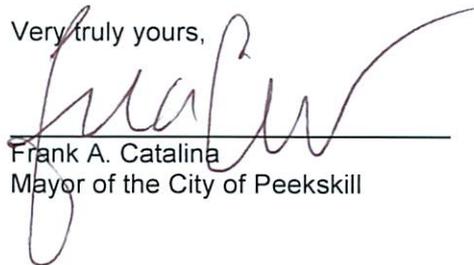
Now we are being asked to consider Coastguard Anchor Sites off our shores which pose additional environmental hazards, grave security concerns, not to mention that it promises to ruin the visual aesthetics of the Hudson River.

The City of Peekskill already has enough to contend with having the Indian Point Nuclear Plants in such close proximity to the City, as well as the ongoing Spectra Expanded Gas Line Project right in its backyard. Peekskill does not need additional hazards adjacent to the shores of its waters or spoiling the aesthetics of the beautiful Hudson River which has become one of the main attractions in the lower Hudson Valley as a tourist destination, drawing thousands to this area.

We strongly oppose the proposed Coastguard Anchor Sites off the shores of the Hudson River because they pose too significant an environmental risk, acting to hinder the economy of the City of Peekskill, as well as all Hudson River towns.

On August 15, 2016, I will place a Resolution on the City of Peekskill's Common Council Agenda for the Council to strongly express its opposition to any Coastguard Anchor Sites being proposed off the shores of the Hudson River.

Very truly yours,



Frank A. Catalina
Mayor of the City of Peekskill

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