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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK

AND

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

DOCKET NO. 50-247 AND 50-286 OL

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR 50 to the Consolidated Edison Company of New York and the Power Authority of the State of New York, (the licensees), for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, at the licensees' site in Westchester County, New York.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Identification of Proposed Action: The exemption would permit the extension of the emergency preparedness exercise at the Indian Point Station from March 9, 1984 to November 30, 1984. The proposed exemption is in accordance with the licensees' request for exemption dated April 9, 1984.

The Need for the Proposed Action: 10 CFR 50.54(q) requires a licensee authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor to follow and maintain in effect emergency plans which meet the standards of 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Section IV.F of Appendix E requires each licensee to conduct emergency preparedness exercises at each site at least annually.

By letter dated April 9, 1984, the licensees requested that an exemption be granted from the annual requirements of Section IV.F.1.a, of

Appendix E by requesting a one-time extension until at least November 30, 1984 to conduct the 1984 emergency exercise. The licensees based this request for exemption on a full-scale exercise with the State of New York, Putnam County, Orange County, and Westchester County (with the exception of certain transportation arrangements) on March 9, 1983. In Westchester County, transportation arrangements were satisfactorily demonstrated to FEMA in a separate exercise held on August 23, 1983. On August 24, 1983, another exercise was conducted for the purpose of demonstrating implementation of New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) interim compensating measures for Rockland County.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action: The proposed exemption affects only the scheduling of the annual emergency preparedness exercise and does not affect the risk of facility accidents. Thus, post-accident radiological releases will not differ from those determined previously, the proposed exemption does not otherwise affect facility radiological effluents, or any significant occupational exposures. Likewise, the exemption does not affect facility non-radiological effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes there are no measurable radiological or non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed exemption, any alternatives either will have no environmental impact or will have a greater environmental impact. The principal alternative to the exemption would be to require literal compliance with Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Such an action would not enhance the protection of the environment and would result in unnecessary expenditure of State and local government resources.

Alternative Use of Resources: This action does not involve the use of resources not considered previously in connection with the Final Environmental Statements relating to this facility, "Final Environmental Statement related to operation of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Plant," September 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: The Commission's staff reviewed the licensees' request, the FEMA finding dated April 24, 1983, the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission letter dated May 25, 1984, and the New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. letter dated May 31, 1984. The NRC staff did not consult other agencies or persons.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

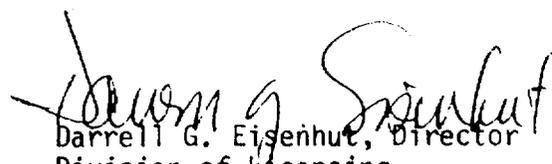
The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, we conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for exemption dated April 9, 1984, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Local Public Document Room, White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10610.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 26th day of September 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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