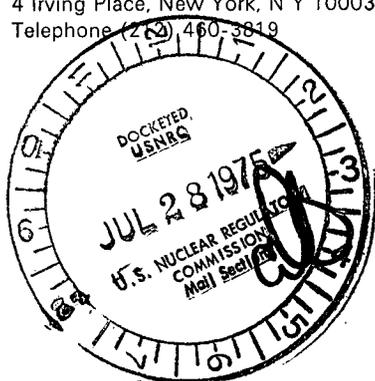
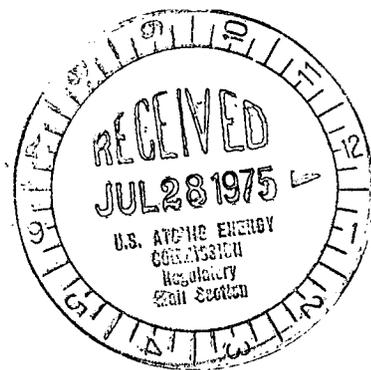


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Re Indian Point Unit No. 2  
Docket No. 50-247

Mr. George Lear, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #3  
Division of Reactor Licensing  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Lear

In accordance with the requirements of the Directorate of Licensing letter of November 8, 1973, Con Edison has been implementing a program to improve the reliability and service life of hydraulic snubbers installed in Indian Point Unit No. 2. This program consists of periodic snubber inspections, and gradual replacement of snubber seals with seals demonstrated to be compatible with the operating environment. As of March 8, 1975, seal replacement was complete for all snubbers located in areas of the plant inaccessible during reactor operation. All hydraulic snubbers in those inaccessible areas now contain seals of compatible material.

To adhere to the specified inspection interval of 120 days for hydraulic snubbers containing compatible seals, shutdown for Unit No. 2 has been scheduled for Friday, July 25, 1975, to permit access to those snubbers. However, an unexpected emergency condition has occurred at one of Con Edison's fossil generating units (Ravenswood 3) requiring shutdown for repairs. The summer power load distribution in the Con Edison service territory precludes simultaneous outages for Ravenswood 3 (972 MW<sub>e</sub> NET) and Indian Point Unit No. 2. Con Edison therefore requests that the current inspection interval be extended until August 1, 1975.

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A detailed review of the results of inspections of hydraulic snubbers equipped with compatible seal material indicates that the reliability of snubbers installed in inaccessible areas has been greatly improved by the replacement program and by the corrective actions taken during subsequent inspections of replacement snubbers.

The most recent inspection of these snubbers in March of this year demonstrated this improvement as no inoperable snubbers were found.

Based upon our reliability study of hydraulic snubber performance, the requested extension would have a statistically insignificant effect on performance. Therefore, we consider that such a short delay in inspection of these snubbers will not affect the safety of the facility.

Very truly yours



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