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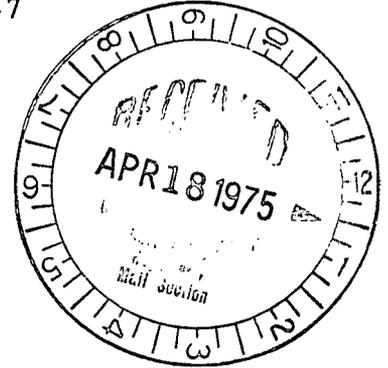
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Re Indian Point Unit No. 2
Docket No. 50-247

Mr. Karl R. Goller
Assistant Director For Operating Reactors
Directorate of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Regulations
Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Mr. Goller

Mr. Skovholt's letter of February 25, 1974 requested that Con Edison evaluate the design of the fuel storage building crane and the potential for a postulated spent fuel shipping cask drop accident. We have been in the process of procuring a new fuel storage building crane that will be able to accommodate up to a 75 ton spent fuel cask rather than the originally planned 40 ton cask. Recently we learned of proposed NRC design criteria for overhead crane systems in nuclear power plants, and in a meeting held with members of the Regulatory Staff on February 21, 1975, we were informed that the new criteria would be forthcoming soon in the form of a Position Paper and a Regulatory Guide.

When we receive these new criteria we will immediately review them with the objective of factoring them into the design of the crane being procured. In the interim, we do not anticipate any need to use the existing crane for movement of spent fuel casks over the spent fuel storage area while spent fuel is being stored there.

Accordingly we conclude that retaining the existing crane during the interim period will not constitute any safety problems. We would appreciate prompt notice of the issuance of new crane design criteria by the Commission, however, so that we may be in a position to replace our existing crane without undue delay.

Very truly yours

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