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Dear Sirs:

I am writing today to urge that the Atomic Energy Commission require that Consolidated Edison begin immediate construction of cooling towers at its Indian Point 2 nuclear plant. The alternative to construction of these towers is the possible destruction of the fish population of the Hudson River.

Although your staff has determined that there will be only a 15 to 20 per-cent destruction of the fish population caused by the operation of Indian Point 2, we must consider that this station is only of several which are proposed for construction along the river.

While Con Edison continues to experiment with elaborate, yet ineffectual fish protection devices, all evidence indicates that cooling towers will reduce the withdrawal of water, and therefore also fish life, from the river by 95 to 98 per-cent.

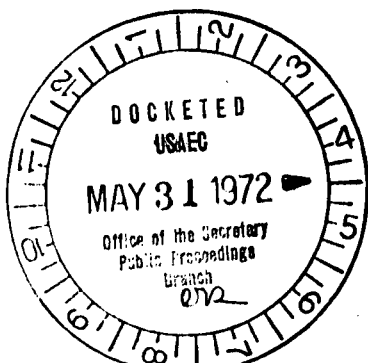
We cannot afford to waste time on further research, especially since it will take considerable time to put any protection plan into operation.

The solution is available; cooling towers will work, and their effect on the environment will be small.

Sincerely,

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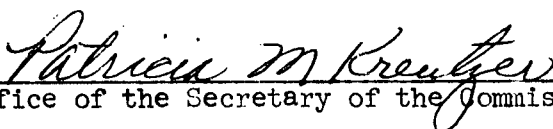
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