

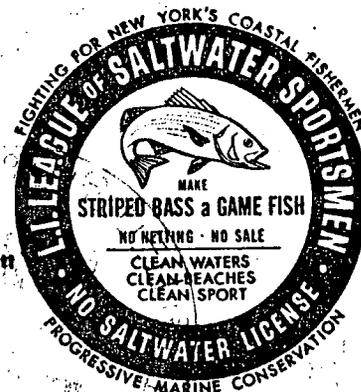
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"A NON-PROFIT NON-SALARIED CONSERVATION FEDERATION
FIGHTING FOR NEW YORK'S COASTAL FISHERMEN"

"AGAINST: POLLUTION OF OUR³⁵AIR; OUR LAND; OUR WATERS"

U.S.A. Atomic Energy Commission,) Con Edison Co. N.Y.
Atomic Safety & Licensing Boards,) Indian Pt. No. 2
Docket No. 50-247



Gentlemen:

In regard to the decision that the evidentiary hearing in this matter shall resume at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 11, 1972, in the All Purpose Room of the Springvale Inn, 500 Albany Post Road, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., I am here representing the L.I. League of Saltwater Sportsmen, Inc., and I will express here, in no uncertain terms, our absolute and complete opposition to the building and licensing of Nuclear Unit No. 2, by the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, and herewith are the reasons on which we base our position:

We in the League, are dedicated to the preservation of our valuable fish and other marine resources, that might now be facing extinction at the hands of the modern nuclear generating plants; of which the famous David Lilienthal; the first Chairman of the A.E.C., made this most damaging statement: "The rash proliferation of atomic power plants; once a bright hope for all mankind, myself included, has become one of the ugliest clouds to overhang America." And since our discovering as far back as early 1963; some eight long years ago; that many, many truckloads of valuable Hudson River fish were being dumped into a huge grave on the premises of the Con Edison, Indian Point nuclear plant, we took photos of this horror, and I later managed and received a permit for a four-man team to enter that plant to investigate this tremendous "kill," something entirely new at that time. And what we saw and heard there, was literally beyond belief, for there we saw untold thousands of fish of many species, all dead or dying under their pier, the shocking sacrifice on the altar of modern technology the nuclear plant was exacting from our natural resources, and we intend to keep this campaign alive and healthy until such damage as this is abated once and for all.

As the champions of valuable, yet fast disappearing stocks of our fish and marine resources, as well as our never-ending war against the pollution of our air; our land; our waters; all down through these eight years, we have maintained an almost daily surveillance on what happens at Indian Point, and frankly we are far from being satisfied with what we have seen or heard, for the deeper we dig into that plant, it seems that trouble never seems to end, and our reaction might well be expressed thus: "No one in his right mind would ever ask a blind man to walk our streets without his "Seeing Eye" dog; or without a competent person to guide his footsteps", yet, as time goes on, such precautions seem to be given but little thought at Indian Point. And as we must use Indian Point as our guideline toward other like plants, we find it hard to fathom why this one plant has run up a series of breakdowns; shutdowns; accidents; tremendous fish "kills;" and to all these; to us; we can only view as a

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most unenviable series of like situations we definitely fear may be thrust upon other nuclear plants such as Shoreham-on-the Sound; Davids Island; and even the one now under discussion: Indian Point No. 2, for this has included a real sad history over the years:

We find that in 1970, Indian Point No. 1, suddenly has some part of its innerds break off in the reactor; put the plant out of commission and took eight months to repair; Then came "Big Allis"; the less said about the better: The next was the accident to that multi-ton, multi-million dollar reactor for No. 2 a year ago, that while being hoisted into position, possibly though a lack of prior examination or inspection of material, suddenly, the hoisting cable broke; dropping that heavy; valuable piece of nuclear jewelry to the concrete; and the amount of money spent on repairs must have been enormous, while only now is that reactor again back in place, and now under consideration herewith. But this is not the end by far: For on November 3, 1971, we witnessed the one thing that might be saddled on our population; and cause horrendous fear: Indian Point No. 1, had a FIRE: That fire compelled the fire companies from some five nearby towns; all volunteers, that took several hours to control, with a number of those volunteers being hospitalized, and while that fire was first described in the papers as only little damage, it has now suddenly become a five million dollar loss.

We were told of that strong steel fence with bobwire top; surrounding the entire facility: adequate safety measures; adequate guards and fire-watchers; working around the clock; an apparent facility to keep a thief or arsonist from entering that plant. But suddenly there was talk of a "set fire;" That certain materials had been found and sent to the F.B.I. for investigation; and that an early arrest was expected. But: and we repeat; But we hear no arrest: No reply from the F.B.I. So we ask: What about all that publicity on that "ARSONIST"? We go back to that adequate fence; guards; fire-watchers; all working around the clock; so we ask: "How come that fire?" In which case, we cannot ~~not~~ help but have the opinion that that fire could hardly been caused by an "arsonist," but possibly by rank carelessness on someone's part in that building, possibly through a tossed cigarette butt, when a step was heard: Could this possibly be the correct answer? Whom would you think was responsible?

Gentlemen: I feel the League has "made it's case," in a very plain manner, as to why we simply cannot accept this present application to the U.S.A. Atomic Energy Commission, and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board, in seeking to proceed with Indian Point, No. 2, as per Docket No. 50-247.

This; we ask and pray you will deny.....

Respectfully submitted,

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