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Honorable Otis G. Pike  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Pike:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 1972 regarding referral of a letter of October 30, 1972 from Mr. John R. Yerves who inquired about Consolidated Edison's Indian Point Unit No. 2 Nuclear Generating Plant on the Hudson River. We are pleased to provide information to you regarding operation of this plant and the problem of protecting the striped bass population in which Mr. Yerves has expressed his sincere concern.

The AEC has conducted a thorough investigation of the environmental impacts expected from plant operation. The analysis and assessment of these impacts, and the precautions the AEC is recommending the licensee take to protect the environment are presented in the enclosed copy of the AEC Final Environmental Statement.

These precautions as outlined on pages vii and viii in the Final Statement include installation and operation of a closed-cycle cooling system by January 1, 1978, primarily to reduce the volume of water withdrawn from the Hudson River by a factor of 10 or 20 times compared with that used by the once-through condenser cooling system which is now installed. This will result in minimizing damage by entrainment and impingement of aquatic biota, particularly striped bass. Furthermore, the AEC will require the applicant to limit the release of chemical and thermal discharges and to carry out a detailed monitoring program, which is designed to detect harmful effects, so that appropriate action can be taken to alleviate any problems found. The applicant is also required to submit a plan-of-action to the AEC concerning plant operating procedures by July 1, 1973, which will be implemented to minimize detrimental effects on the aquatic biota prior to installation of the closed-cycle cooling system.

The AEC's position as described in the Final Environmental Statement will be presented in the next hearing session starting December 4, 1972 before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The Board's decision of the outcome of the hearing will be based on the complete record of testimony of all parties to the proceeding in the licensing action of Indian Point Unit No. 2. I am enclosing a copy of the notice of hearing for the December 4, 1972 session.

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We hope this information will be useful in your response to Mr. Yerves. Please find enclosed a second copy of the Final Environmental Statement on Indian Point Unit No. 2 which can be forwarded to Mr. Yerves. If additional information is needed, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director  
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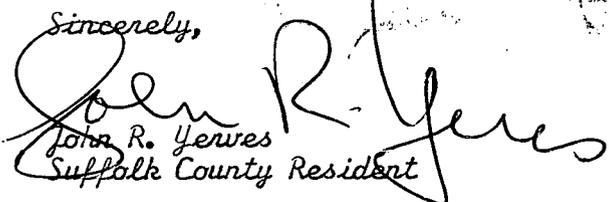
Dear Congressman Pike:

I recently read your political advertisement in the recent issue of "The Long Island Fisherman" magazine. By coincidence or possibly by design there appeared, in the same issue, an article by Al Rierfelder titled, "Final solution to the Striped Bass problem - Extermination".

I can't believe what I read, that Con Edison Corp. has decided to just kill off all Hudson River fish so as to eliminate a costly problem of building cooling towers for their generators.

Please, Mr. Pike, do whatever is in your power to require Con Edison to install the necessary cooling equipment for their generators. I'm beginning to think that the kids of today are right; we are losing sight of what's right and wrong. The almighty dollar has become more important than life itself.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Yewes  
Suffolk County Resident

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