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Mr. Steve Lawrence New York Post 210 South Street New York, New York 10002

Dear Steve:

I just read your story in the May 24 edition of the New York Post regarding the draft environmental statement on Indian Point 2 which you reported we "quietly released last month."

Out of curiosity, I checked to see just how "quiet" we had been and found that: (1) we sent the draft statement to 11 Government agencies, four state agencies and two local groups asking for their comments; and (2) we issued a public announcement of the availability of the draft statement to more than 4,000 addressees.

I gather that despite our efforts, the draft statement did not come to your attention until quite recently. I have asked Frank Ingram of our staff to be sure we send you the final statement as soon as it is completed.

Sincerely,

(signed) Joseph J. Fouchard

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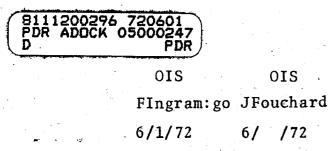
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But the plant should be completed anyway because New York City needs see tric power so badly, the report says.

These comments are con tained in a preliminary environmental analysis of th atomic plant, prepared b the AEC staff and guiet referred last month. Indian Point No. 2 is a miles north of the city. E vinonmentalists oppose it b cause of the potential ecological damage.

18 Months of Hearings As APC licensing board for pearly a year and shall trying to decide whether the plant is safe anonab and endiciently pollution-cree 10 TODE AN OPER HE A HOULE The commission #1aff= is preparing a final , envision mental impact analysis that should be finished late in ... July.

Its preliminary evaluation. seems to support both envi-romentalists and Con Ed. But its estimate of New York City's need for power was based on the utility's predidction that Indian Point No. 2 could be brought on line for this summer.

estimates likely will sed in the Linal re-Because Con Ed ofMnow say the plant probannot be ready this in a state The testing nocded before the plant could begin supply-ing power laker two to four months, these officials say. And the licenside board has willing, to approve the stant of this testing soon

Cooling System the Threat I indian Points measive cooling water system poses the biggest threat to the Hudson River schotching to the "AEG statt The second plant, along With its smalle (285-megawaitss companio Indian Points No. suck up 11 millo of waten a monthe to cool the generators of full power. This, according to the staff is about 14 per cent of the Is about 14 per cent of the river water passing by Fish, eggs, and larvae all are sucked, into this cooling system, before the plant pound the water back into the river to tegrice notice. Up to 25 per centsor the overage number of eggs and larvae, of receipt species of dish that anhousy, pass by the plant, may be killed by the cooling propersus at the ABC stafe report AEC staffs repart.

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