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Docket No. 50-247

Mr. John Girard  
15 Lodge Lane  
Miller Place, New York 11764

Dear Mr. Girard:

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 1973, in which you expressed your concern about the possibility of extermination of striped bass in the Hudson River as a result of operation of Consolidated Edison Company's Indian Point Unit No. 2 plant. Under separate cover we have sent you a copy of the Final Environmental Statement about the plant which you requested and which amplify some of my remarks made below.

As discussed in various chapters of this statement, and as summarized on pages i through viii, the Atomic Energy Commission is also concerned about the loss of striped bass in the Hudson River if the plant were to operate in the manner proposed by the Consolidated Edison Company. As a consequence, we have recommended to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the utility be required to submit to the Atomic Energy Commission by July 1, 1973, plans for an alternate method of cooling the reactor which would result in reduced mortality to aquatic life in the Hudson River. Upon review and approval of this closed-cycle cooling system, it would be constructed and put into operation no later than January 1, 1978. Furthermore, the utility will develop a plan of action by July 1, 1973, to minimize detrimental effects on aquatic life, such as fish kills on the intake screens, during the interim period of plant operation prior to installation of the alternate cooling systems.

It should be of interest to you that the public hearings are currently in progress on environmental aspects of the licensing of this plant.

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We hope this information has been of assistance to you. If we can be of further service to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:  
Roger S. Boyd

*for*  
A. Giambusso, Deputy Director  
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