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Sir;

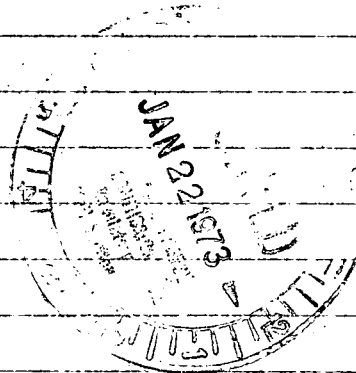
As a citizen of the United States, and an active sport fisherman, I am taking this opportunity to voice my opinion on the opening of the Consolidated Edison Indian Point #2 generating station. I do this only to ease my conscience, and let my feelings be known, because this letter will surely accomplish little else.

After the millions of dollars spent on the studies, I was surprised to learn that the "conservationists" had made their point. Usually the truth is hidden by manipulating statistics and doubletalk, but this time it was made public. Tens of millions of fingerling striped bass will be killed by the intake screens of Indian Point #2. These small fish must seem insignificant to most people. Their lives, when weighed against the convenience of an electric can opener or toaster, are unimportant. This kind of thinking is what got our environment into its present state, and now it's going to be allowed to continue.

Once a species on this earth is destroyed by man, even Consolidated Edison cannot replace it. It is gone forever. The balance of nature should be protected, not altered to suit our whims. The need for electric power is great, but a greater need exists. Man is at the top of the food chain. With each activity performed on nature, the ~~links~~ links become a little weaker. If the present line of thinking is allowed to continue; if the present set of priorities is not changed; our grandchildren may one day find that they themselves will be on our list of endangered species.

P.S. Kindly send me the "Final Environmental Statement of Con. Ed. Indian Point #2" Docket # 50-247. Thebygg  
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