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Docket No. 50-247

Mr. Andre Peyroune
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Dear Mr. Peyroune:

Thank you for your letter of January 17, 1973, expressing your concerns over possible detrimental effects of the Indian Point plant on the striped bass population in the Hudson River. Under separate cover we have sent you a copy of the Final Environmental Statement (FES) for Indian Point Unit No. 2 which amplifies some of the remarks made below.

The point you raise about controls for the protection of striped bass and other fish is well taken. In this regard the Regulatory staff has summarized, on pages i through viii of the FES, its concerns about the loss of striped bass in the Hudson River and has recommended to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that Consolidated Edison install an alternate closed-cycle cooling system by January 1, 1978. This action, if taken, would prevent an irrecoverable impact on aquatic life in the Hudson River. In addition, the staff has recommended that the utility develop a plan of action by July 1, 1973, that will minimize detrimental effects on aquatic life, such as fish kills at the intake screens during the period of plant operation prior to installation of the alternate cooling system.

Public hearings on environmental issues are scheduled for continuation on March 5, 1973, in the Auditorium of the Atomic Energy Commission's Headquarters in Germantown, Maryland. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend these hearings. Transcripts of the public hearing are placed in public document rooms at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and the Hendrick Hudson High School, Albany Post Road, Montrose, New York. We encourage the use of these rooms by concerned citizenry in keeping with our policy of public disclosure of actions taken relative to the licensing of central station nuclear power plants.

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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 Daniel R. Muller

Daniel R. Muller, Assistant Director
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