

United States Senate

Respectfully referred to:

Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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Hon. James L. Buckley
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Dear Senator Buckley:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's recent order requiring Con Edison to build an enormous cooling tower at its Indian Point facility in the Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County, is an outrage to all the people of the Hudson Valley, and must be withdrawn. I urge you to immediately demand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission review its decision and seek a solution that does not ignore the health and safety of the people of Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Putnam Counties.

The Commission's order represents a clear danger to the welfare and livelihood of the more than one quarter million people who live in the extensive area which would be adversely affected by the construction of this monstrous tower. The smog cloud and fallout, among other reasons, raise serious questions, all of which result in deleterious answers.

The Commission's order requires the construction of a tower 560 feet tall and 400 feet wide in a town where the village zoning ordinance limits the height of structures to 40 feet. The scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands would be ruined forever. And the Con Edison consumer, who already pays the highest electric rates in the entire country, would end up footing the \$100 million bill for this horrendous steam machine.

An article in the January, 1975 edition of the Hudson Valley magazine debated the pros and cons of nuclear power plant construction. The proponent of nuclear power plants acknowledged cooling towers would create a "plume of drops (which) will rise approximately one thousand feet (and would enshroud an area having a radius of more than seven miles) and concluded "therefore, each site must be evaluated individually

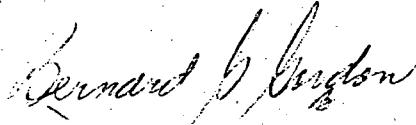
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to determine if it is compatible with the heat rejection system". Clearly, the Con Edison Indian Point site is not compatible with this system.

Highest priority and consideration must be given to the impact of the ruling of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I urgently request your assistance and attention in having the order of that Commission withdrawn.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard G. Gordon".

BERNARD G. GORDON

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