

December 9, 1973

U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Att: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects
Directorate of Licensing
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Sir:

I've just received and read the Draft Environmental Statement for I.P. 3, AEC Docket No. 50-286 and wish to make the following comments.

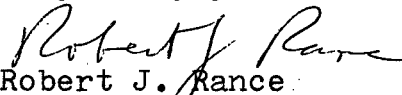
I have fished for striped bass for 35 years around Long Island and the Hudson River in New York. And now my twelve year old son has taken up the sport and become my fishing buddy. We, like so many other Long Island residents, are "hooked" on striped bass.

However, the threats posed by Consolidated Edison's nuclear power plants on the Hudson River have me greatly concerned. The Impact Statement related to proposed operation of Unit No. 3 makes it abundantly clear that this plant, as well as unit No. 2, should never be permitted to go into operation, even for an interim period, until the cooling towers are completed and approved. The Hudson River nursery is far too important to the mid-Atlantic striped bass fishery to allow Consolidated Edison to gamble with so valuable a public-owned recreation and food resource.

I urgently request that my views be given full and studied consideration by the Licensing Board.

Thank you for permitting me to present my view and concern.

Very truly yours,


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