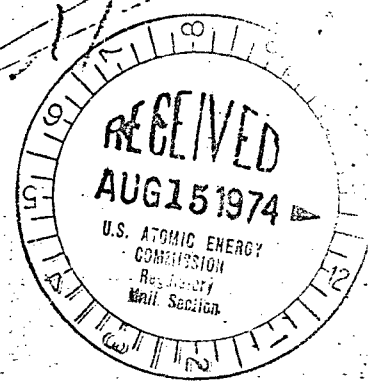


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Dear Mr. Woodbury:

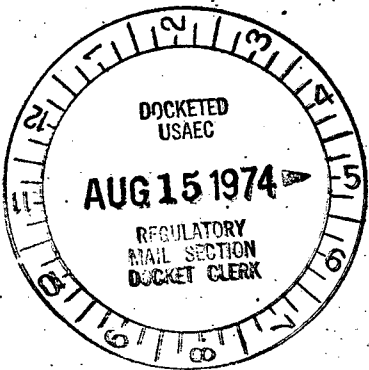
The Hudson River Technical Committee has reviewed the status of the Indian Point studies and brought several matters to our attention. They are:

1. Impingement studies - The validity of the data collected at the intake screens since the installation of air curtains is highly questionable. The curtains have created a positive outward flow away from the screens so that fish already killed or damaged by impingement are moved out into the river rather than onto the traveling screens for subsequent enumeration. This has introduced a variable in the counts which cannot be measured at this time. The Policy Committee must withdraw its endorsement of the impingement studies until they have been redesigned to account for this variability.

2. NYU Plankton Studies - The Technical Committee discussed the implications of dropping the 7 plankton stations near Indian Point in 1973 with Dr. Lauer. The Committee is now satisfied that this baseline will not be totally compromised since QLM will be sampling in the same area and there has been little between - station variability to date. However, apparently only ichthyoplankton will be processed by QLM. The Committee recommends that at least the crustaceans to the genus level be processed also to monitor the baseline and as additional data for the fish food habit studies.

3. Trawling Program - The Committee reviewed the changes in the trawling program proposed by Dr. Kacynski and agrees with the changes as presented at their May 11 meeting.

Sincerely,
Herbert E. Doig
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Chairman
Hudson River Policy Committee



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