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Mr. George W. Knighton
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U. S. Nuclear Regulator Commission
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Dear Mr. Knighton:

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for "Selection of the Preferred Closed Cycle Cooling System at Indian Point Unit No. 2," Westchester County, N. Y., prepared by NRC, dated February 1976, addressed to Dr. Maxwell, was referred to SCS for review and comments.



We submit the following comments:

- (1) Page 3-9, first sentence

This statement discusses disposal of excavated materials. It suggests that topsoil material not be disposed of. The statement would be improved by stating topsoil would be salvaged, protected and re-used.

- (2) Page 5-28 - Paragraph 5.2.2.1 Botanical Effects of Drift and others

This paragraph and others that follow discusses botanical effects of various drifts.

The paragraph, as written, does not directly address effects of drift on grasses and legumes (which can and do serve erosion control purposes). A statement on the impact of various kinds of drift on grasses and legumes would improve the statement.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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