



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Daniel R. Muller
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Division of Reactor Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555



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Dear Mr. Muller:

EPA Region II has issued NPDES permits requiring closed cycle cooling for certain power plants on the Hudson River, specifically: Con Edison's Indian Point Units 2 & 3; Central Hudson's Roseton Station; and Orange and Rockland's Bowline Point. The Utilities have objected to closed cycle cooling requirements in their adjudicatory hearing requests.

EPA Region II has been evaluating biological data with respect to these facilities for some time, and has been working with other Federal Agencies on this matter. On April 30, 1975, EPA Region II met with representatives of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Energy Research and Development Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the important biological issues related to the adjudicatory hearings. Formal correspondence requesting assistance was forwarded to each of the above cited Federal Agencies on June 20, 1975. Favorable responses were received from your Agency and all the other Federal Agencies. On February 5, 1976, EPA Region II staff met with representatives of these concerned Federal Agencies to discuss (1) the progress made to date in preparation for the hearings and (2) future preparation.

The Hudson River Power Case has developed to the point where the formation of an Interagency Technical Committee is appropriate. The Committee will be comprised of an EPA Chairman/Technical Coordinator and a member from each of the participating Federal Agencies, and will coordinate the technical efforts of all the involved parties.



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It is requested that you designate a representative from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to serve as a member of the Interagency Technical Committee. Harvey Lunenfeld, P.E., has been designated as Chairman/Technical Coordinator to represent EPA.

Your Agency's cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lunenfeld at 212-264-9878.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Hansler".

Gerald M. Hansler, P.E.
Regional Administrator