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Dear Mr. Knighton:

Thank you for your letter of July 8, 1976, transmitting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's draft environmental statement for extension of operation with once-through cooling for Indian Point Unit No. 2, Westchester County, New York.

We have reviewed the subject project and have the following comment.

The draft statement does not provide sufficient reason for alteration of our previous comments on the draft environmental statement on the Selection of the Preferred Closed Cycle Cooling System at Indian Point Unit No. 2 of April 26, 1976 regarding fish and wildlife resources. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

We are concerned that the welfare of the fishery resources of the Hudson River may be jeopardized by this further delay in the termination of once-through cooling.

We hope these comments will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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Enclosure
Attachment 2



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