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Docket No. 50-286

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003

Attention: Mr. Donham Crawford
Administrative Vice President

Gentlemen:

During the course of our review of applications for construction permits of nuclear facilities, we request the comments or recommendations of the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, concerning the impact of the proposed plant on the areas of responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A copy of a letter, dated January 18, 1968, from the Fish and Wildlife Service, together with their report and a report by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, containing comments and recommendations on both radiological and non-radiological affects of your proposed reactor facility, are enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a letter dated February 15, 1968, from the U. S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, which helps to clarify the position taken by the Department in their letter and reports of January 18, 1968. Copies of each of these letters and reports are also being sent to the appropriate state and local officials. The radiological safety aspects of the material in the reports will be considered in the Commission's evaluation of the safety of your project. Our conclusions will be included in the safety evaluation which we prepare for the public hearing to be held to consider the issuance of the construction permit for your proposed plant.

We call your attention to the recommendations made by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration concerning radioactive contamination of the Hudson River. Although your application reflects your general plans for conducting pre-operational and post-operational radiological surveys, we request that you also coordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration, as recommended in their reports, in the conduct of the various surveys suggested.

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The reports which you will submit on the environmental radiological surveys of the Indian Point area will be evaluated at the time we consider your application for a provisional operating license for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3. The reports of surveys made after operations have begun will be similarly reviewed.

The substantive regulatory jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission, under present law, is limited essentially to matters of radiological health and safety and the common defense and security, and we now lack authority to impose restrictions regarding the thermal and chemical effects of discharges from licensed nuclear facilities. However, we wish to call these matters to your attention in order that you may have the benefit of the Service's recommendations concerning potential non-radiological effects upon the environment.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed by
Peter A. Morris

Peter A. Morris, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Fish & Wildlife Service rept.
2. Fed. Water Pollution Control Administration rept.
3. Ltr. from U. S. Department of the Interior

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