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Dear Examiner:

The main concern of all persons, individually or as a group, be they governmental, industrial or conservationist, must be the maintenance of our biosphere. The earth has many precariously balanced ecological relationships. These relationships may easily be upset. As has been pointed out by David Brower, former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, it is time to establish "Earth National Park". It is ever necessary to consider every action that will affect the "balance of nature". The problems which can and have arisen in connection with atomic power plants are only a segment of the environmental problems facing man. Safety measures must be taken against all the factors affecting the citizen and his environment.

Until a completely safe atomic reactor can be built, insuring no possibility of a catastrophic accident or contamination of the air, water, soil and living organisms including man by radioactive emissions or by Thermal pollution, no further construction should be allowed. Certainly, it is foolish to continue concentrating atomic reactors within the densely populated Greater Metropolitan Area of New York.

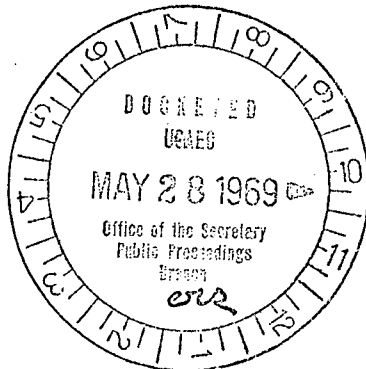
Therefore, I propose that construction of atomic power plants be halted until enough research has been completed to insure the citizens that no further degradation of the environment or the species of man will be as a direct result of the "Peaceful Atom".

This is a minute problem in the total picture wherein man rapes earth.

Very truly yours,

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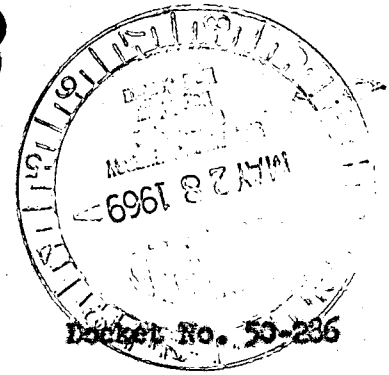
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OF NEW YORK INC.  
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit 3)

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