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of rainfall minimizing tidal action, could raise river temperatures to such heights as to result in permanent damage to all forms of aquatic life. At the top of the biological chain are the fish - a priceless food and recreational resource. Existing information on the Hudson River is inadequate to predict accurately the long term impact on all aquatic organisms and the ecological consequences.

We urge that the Atomic Energy Commission take a stronger stand on Indian Point # 3 and mandate a closed-cycle cooling system from the beginning of its operation. In fact we favor cooling systems on all existing plants.

The agencies requested to comment on the Draft Environmental Statement do not include any totally private agency financed by independent means whose sole concern shall be to analyze scientifically the long term impact to all forms of biological life by the operation of power plants along the Hudson River. We believe that the Atomic Energy Commission should take the leadership in legislation that would tax all power companies their proportionate share to finance such on-going studies. We know from experience that Utilities should not be given the sole responsibility of monitoring the environmental impact of their operations.

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