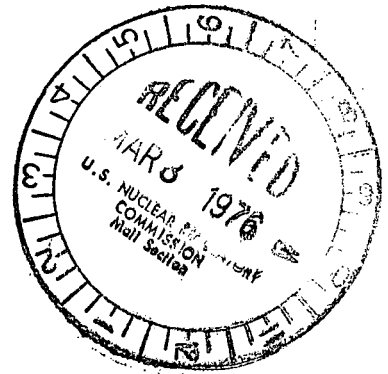


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Mr. Ben C. Rusche, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: Indian Point 3 - Docket No. 50-286

Dear Mr. Rusche:

Section 4.1.1.a.3 of the Environmental Technical Specification Requirements for Indian Point Unit No. 3 requires the Licensee to submit to the NRC for review and approval, recommendations for the frequency and scope of intensive field surveys of the thermal plume. In accordance with this requirement, Con Edison submits herewith a report entitled, "Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Report on the Evaluation of Hydrothermal Studies".

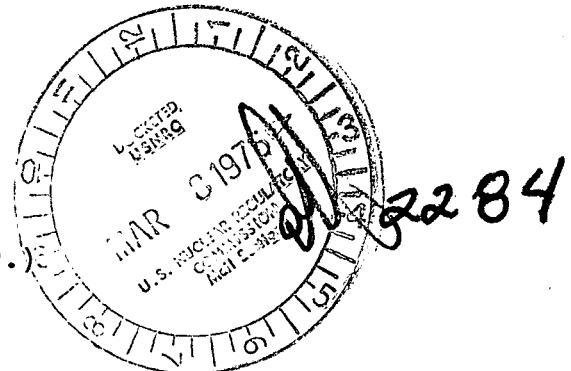
The report concludes that intensive thermal surveys in the Hudson River are no longer necessary and that routine thermal surveys augmented by computer modeling will provide sufficient information to determine the extent of the combined plumes from Indian Point Units 2 and 3.

The Company will be pleased to review this report with you and your staff at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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