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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. L. Manning Muntzing
Director of Regulation
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Muntzing:

On 18 July 1972, this office received a letter from Ms. Nicolena Salta, voicing her concern over nuclear power plant siting on the Hudson River in New York.

Ms. Salta referenced, in particular, the Indian Point Unit 2. A copy of our comments, forwarded to the AEC under the normal EIS review process, was sent to Ms. Salta.

I am forwarding to you her letter, along with our reply, for your consideration as she has expressed concern in the area of plant licensing.

Sincerely,

Acting Director,
Division of Water Quality
and Non-Point Source Control

Enclosures

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P.O. Box 2056 GPO
Brooklyn N.Y. 11202
June 19, 1972

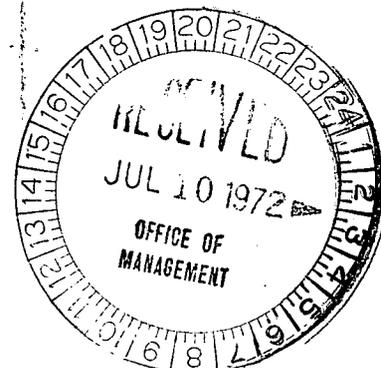
Dear Sir:

I'm not sure of your powers or jurisdiction, but I'm writing to you to express my deep concern over the nuclear power plants that are to be built along our rivers, in particular, those built by Con Ed on the Hudson.

Con Ed submitted fishkill percentages at public hearings on the plants. These were inaccurate because they didn't take the tidal nature of the Hudson into account. The plants at India Point 1 & 2 at storm king will effectively destroy the ecological balance of life in the Hudson. Besides this, test have shown that protection to human life is inadequate. We have not yet developed safeguards to radiation in the event that these plants breakdown. They are not built to insure protection to life.

The full effort of the government & people should be directed to reestablishing the natural balance of our environment & not towards destroying it.

Sincerely
Niolenia Felta



Ms. Nicolena Salta
P. O. Box 2056 GPO
Brooklyn, New York 11202

JUL 24 1972

Dear Ms. Salta:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 1972 concerning nuclear power plants along the Hudson River.

The Atomic Energy Commission is responsible for the licensing of nuclear power plants. We have forwarded your letter to the AEC for the consideration of that agency.

Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the environmental impact statement on the Indian Point Unit 2 and forwarded comments to the AEC. Environmental Protection Agency comments are intended by law to be of assistance to the AEC in taking actions which would minimize or eliminate adverse impacts such as those you mentioned. The final decision to issue construction and operating permits for nuclear power plants rests with the AEC.

Please find enclosed a copy of EPA comments on the Indian Point draft environmental impact statement. I believe this may clarify for you EPA's role both in the review process, and in the requirement that applicants for federal licences provide reasonable assurances, as determined by the State, that plant constructions and operation be conducted in a manner which will not violate water quality and other environmental standards.

Sincerely,



Acting Director
Division of Water Quality and
Non-Point Source Control