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Desc: All records related to the classification (i.e., significance determination process records) of inspection findings documented in Special Inspection Team and Augmented Inspection Team reports issued by the NRC between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012, inclusive. Exceptions: SIT and AIT reports dealing with security issues.

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Waiver\_Purpose: UCS issued a report titled "The NRC and Nuclear Power Plant Safety in 2012: Tolerating the Intolerable." We summarized each SIT/AIT report issued by the NRC in 2012 and concluded the NRC was not consistently issuing violations for its findings. We seek records to understand the different outcomes. We intend to put our conclusions from the review of the requested records in our report next year on the NRC and nuclear safety in 2013.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS participated in the development of the reactor oversight process, serving on the NRC's Pilot Program Implementation Panel. We intend to review the requested ROP documents to determine why inspection finding outcomes seem not to match their underlying significance - an outcome the ROP was designed to prevent.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: As indicated in the response to question 2, UCS participated in the development of the ROP and has a thorough working knowledge of its methods and goals. We have reviewed the SIT and AIT reports and their inspection findings and cannot understand the wide range of inspection finding classifications. The records being sought will be reviewed to better understand actions taken, and not taken. In 2011, we initiated a series of annual reports on the NRC and nuclear plant safety. Our 2012 report identified the apparent finding inconsistencies. Our 2013 report will followup on this identification based on our review of the requested records.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The report we issued in March 2013 garnered over 600 media hits. It was posted to our website, [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org), where it was viewed/downloaded frequently. Our report's coverage seeks to explain strengths and weaknesses of the NRC's oversight efforts in plain English so people living around nuclear plants have better awareness. SITs and AITs cause considerable interest among nearby citizens and reporters. UCS seeks to help put the SIT/AIT findings in context for this audience.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: As indicated in the response to question 4, our March 2013 annual report attracted a sizeable audience. We anticipate our 2014 report, which will contain a followup based on our review of the requested records, will also receive a sizeable audience. Millions of Americans live within 50 miles of nuclear power plants. While not all are interested in safety of those plants, many are. We seek to fill their appetites for information about safety of nuclear plants in their communities.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: UCS began a series of annual reports on the NRC and nuclear plant safety in 2011. Our 2014 report will summarize SIT/AIT reports issued by the NRC in 2013 and will followup on a conclusion from our 2013 report. The series of reports is posted to [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org) and emailed to hundreds of citizens, reporters, Congressional staffers, and others across the country.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: UCS's nuclear safety reports are posted to [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org) where they can be viewed/downloaded for free.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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