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Dear Mrs. Souder:

It is our understanding through communications from Mr. Frank Logan of your office and Arthur Fish, Documents Librarian, University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point University that you wish to move documents relative to the Point Beach nuclear plants (Docket #s 50-266 and 50-301) presently in the UW-Stevens Point NRS Public Document Room to the Manitowoc, Wisconsin area nearer the Point Beach plants.

We understand the desire of citizens, journalists and environmental groups for more ready access to the documents since public awareness generally has been heightened by the Three-Mile-Island accident and the Point Beach plant, particularly, is now facing a culmination of a long-standing steam generator tube leak problem as well as the inevitable problem of storage of spent fuel and other problems which concern all citizens.

We certainly believe that citizens near an operating plant should have access to records and hope that they avail themselves of that opportunity. However, Central Wisconsin is also very much affected by the operation of the plants particularly since several counties in our area have recently been designated by the Department of Energy as possible storage sites for reactor spent fuel and other nuclear wastes. Several newly-formed concerned citizens groups in our area especially are now in need of nuclear information and have requested aid from us.

Furthermore, the Wood County (Rudolph) site has not been formally removed by the utilities nor by the NRC from the alternate site status it has had since 1974. Since all proposed nuclear power plant sites are also possible candidates for Away From Reactor spent fuel storage facilities (now much in need), and since the utilities have continued to purchase land at the proposed site and the NRC, unannounced, toured the site with utility personnel in October 1979, we still must consider the Rudolph site as a potential nuclear facility site. (See Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, 10/25/79). Correspondence from Thomas E. Combs, Public Reference Section, Office of the Secretary, US AEC, confirmed the establishment of the "UWSP Documents Library as the official local public document room for the Wood Site." (Project 540) (letter addressed to Arthur Fish, Documents Librarian, 12/13/1974).

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"To question and learn — that we may preserve and protect."



For these reasons, we request that a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Document Room be maintained as before at UWSP. All documents which have been deposited regarding the proposed (for the time being, canceled by Public Service Commission) Rudolph--Koshkonong--Havem nuclear plant should remain in the Document Room.

Since it appears impossible at this time for your office to duplicate all the documents relating to the Point Beach plants (by microfilming or otherwise), most of the Point Beach documents will need to be moved to Manitowoc. However, of the documents relating exclusively to the Point Beach plants we request retention (or duplication or replacement) of a skeleton library of Point Beach operations necessary for continuing research and information projects in this area. We request the following categories of documents be retained in this skeleton library and new publications in these categories continue to be supplied to our Documents Room without special request:

- All Accession Lists
- All Annual Operating Reports
- All NRC Inspection Reports
- All Reportable Occurrences
- Annual Results and Data Reports
- Semiannual Monitoring Reports
- All correspondence relating to spent nuclear fuel facilities

Other collections of materials relating exclusively to Point Beach operations (i.e., licensee correspondence files, etc.) may then be moved to Manitowoc.

As you know, Public Document Rooms receive many valuable studies and reports which do not relate exclusively to any one nuclear power plant. We wish to retain for reference in our Public Document Room all of these for use by students, researchers and area citizens as in the past. We presume that all these general reports would logically be deposited in a document room for the Wood Co. site anyway. Examples of such documents are:

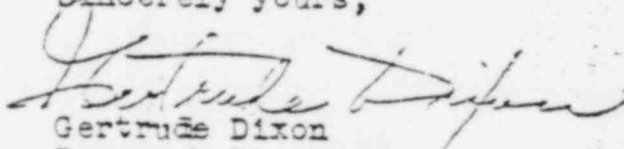
- Notices to All Power Reactor Licensees
- Quarterly Reports to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences
- Bi-Weekly Reportable Occurrence Computer Printouts
- Special Report (such as Nureg 0578, 0600 regarding Three-Mile-Island)
- All Occupational Radiation Exposure Reports
- General reports on Emergency Planning
- Critical Project Status Reports
- Operating Units Status Reports
- Construction Status Reports
- Status Summary Reports--Water Reactor Safety Research

In addition, we understand from a communication from Mr. Logan that the Document Room will be supplied, free of charge, with any other single document listed on accession lists which we or the Librarian may request.

When, at our request, the documents for Point Beach were moved to UW-SP and the NRC Public Document Room was established here in February 1974, it was not our intention to deprive others of access to the records. Our original request was for duplication of documents, not transfer. The transfer was the solution proposed by the Atomic Energy Commission. We have long maintained that all documents pertaining to Wisconsin nuclear plants and those in contiguous states should be available, at the least, in a depository at the state Capitol where legislators, public officials, environmentalists, the press and students and researchers in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and other departments at UW-Madison would have permanent and ready access to information. We still hope duplicate Public Document Rooms will be established wherever concerned citizens have a need.

We have appreciated the use of the Document Room over the last six years - we have found it most useful in our nuclear education process. We hope to continue a cooperative relationship with your office.

Sincerely yours,



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