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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Felton:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. §552).

SAPL wishes to obtain information about the investigation and follow-up actions taken as a result of the discovery of falsified welding inspection reports by the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. PSNH publicly announced the firing of a quality control inspector on May 5, 1983 as a consequence of this discovery. According to the company's announcement, 2400 piping and structural steel welds, some safety-related, needed to be re-inspected in Seabrook Unit 1.

Specifically, SAPL would like to be provided with the following: all internal NRC memoranda, particularly from the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, pertaining to this incident; the notification to the agency filed by Antone Cerne, the NRC senior resident inspector at the Seabrook site; the notification to the agency filed by PSNH; any reports that have been issued covering remedial actions taken; any recommendations of actions yet to be taken; the name and address of the employee charged with the record falsification; the specific area being inspected at the time of his discharge; the method by which this lapse in quality assurance was discovered.

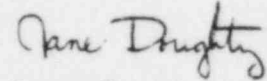
The FOIA provides that if only portions of a file are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. SAPL therefore requests that it be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. SAPL reserves its right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any of the material.

SAPL, though prepared to pay reasonable costs for the location and reproduction of the requested material, believes that this request is primarily of benefit to the public and therefore ought to be eligible for a fee waiver or reduction. This information is relevant to the issuance of an operating license for the plant and involves an issue that could have safety implications as far as the public is concerned. Hence, it is in the public interest that the information be released. Should there be a ruling against a fee waiver or reduction, please inform me if the fees will exceed \$15

before proceeding to fill this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number on the letterhead. As the FOIA provides, I shall expect a reply within ten working days. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Doughty".

Jane Doughty
Field Director

cc: Robert A. Backus, Esq.