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Mr. Joseph Felton, Director
Freedom Of Information Office
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

May 2, 1984
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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RE: FOIA REQUEST/ VY-CO₆₀

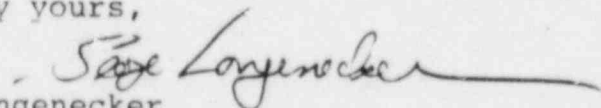
Dear Mr. Felton:

Enclosed for filing and your attention is a Freedom of Information Act REQUEST concerning the discovery of Cobalt-60 release problems at Vermont Yankee.

We respectfully request prompt action on this petition and look forward to your reply. Please acknowledge the receipt of this mailing.

I will act as the contact person for all future correspondence or discussions. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions concerning the REQUEST.

Very truly yours,


George Longenecker
State Coordinator
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF VERMONT YANKEE)
NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION,) DOCKET No. 50-271
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT)

VERMONT YANKEE DECOMMISSIONING ALLIANCE (VYDA)
AND
VERMONT PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (VPIRG)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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

The VYDA And VPIRG request a copy of all information held by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or its regional offices concerning the discovery of, and subsequent investigation of, Cobalt-60 detected at several location around the grounds of Vermont Yankee during 1983, and the discovery, and subsequent investigation, of Cobalt-60 in material found on the grounds of the facility on February 2, 1984.

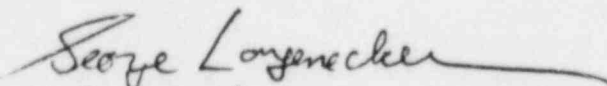
Our request includes, but is not limited to, all preliminary notifications of occurrences, Inspection and Enforcement Bulletins, notices, reports, letters or other correspondences, investigative data, third party submittals such have been provided to the NRC, or are available to the Commission, from Battelle Labs, the State of Vermont or anyone else, and all other information pertaining to Cobalt-60 related incidents in 1983 or 1984, or before, if such earlier incidents are relevant to the later developments. We also ask for complete information concerning the connection of the Cobalt-60 waste material and inspections and de-contamination involving work at Vermont Yankee, during the spring and early summer of 1983, on pipes for IGSCC in Vermont Yankee's primary pressure boundary region. We ask that the NRC also provide all relevant generic information concerning decontamination of pipes for UT testing for IGSCC in service sensitive plant regions, the kinds and composition of wastes generated and the volume of such wastes along with standards for the management of these materials.

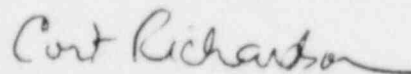
We also request copies of all information produced or used by the NRC in determining the severity of violation decision on the February incident.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. Therefore, if some sections are exempt from release we request the remainder and ask that the legal basis for the particular exemption be provided as well. We reserve the right to appeal any such decisions.

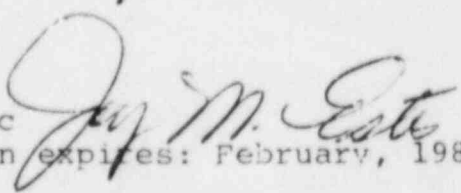
The amended Act permits the waiver of any costs associated with providing the requested information. 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A) allows that if "it is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." We respectfully request that costs and fees be waived in this case because this request meets the public benefit test. The right of citizens to the information asked for herein, because of the importance of these matters to health and safety, public confidence in public institutions and industries and the fact that it will be shared with the public and made available by the petitioners is guaranteed by the Act. As provided for in the amended Act, we will expect a reply within 10 working days.

Very truly yours,


George Longenecker
Stae Coordinator
Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance


Cort Richardson
Nuclear Project Director
Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Sworn and Subscribed before me
this 2nd day of May, 1984

Notary Public 
My commission expires: February, 1987