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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-96-084  
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Re: Indian Point 3

Dear Mr. Powell:

There have been prior communications and FOIA requests regarding an incident which occurred in June 1985 at the IP3 turbine building stop valve. My former husband, Eugene Thomas Corcoran, worked on this stop valve for two or three nights just prior to the area being roped off with yellow and magenta tape. Shortly thereafter, he and his partner, Stephen R. Coli became very ill with symptoms of acute radiation illness. Eight years later, Mr. Corcoran passed away from myeloid leukemia.

We have found several millwright witnesses who were working at the plant and recalled that the area of the right side turbine stop valve was roped off for several days and visited by teams of health physics in protective clothing with hoods and face masks with purple filters. We are able to pin down the first day that the valve was roped off to some between June 10, 1985 and June 25, 1985. Through FOIA requests and discovery from NYPA, we have obtained radiological survey reports for the IP3 turbine building for June 1985. Despite regulations at 10 C.F.R. 20.201, which require the licensee to "make or cause to be made such surveys as ... (2) are reasonable to determine the extent of radiation hazards that may be present" there is no survey report for this incident which caused the stop valve to be barricaded for several days. NYPA has produced 73 radiological survey reports for surveys conducted in the IP3 turbine in June of 1985 and NONE of the 73 reports state the area was barricaded or posted with radiation warning signs. Yet there is no report for an incident in which the stop valve was roped off for several days, visited by teams of HPs in protective clothing, and was the subject of a safety meeting in which the millwrights asked for, but were not given information about the problem at the stop valve.

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In February 1994, NYPA responded to our first FOIA request as follows:

In answer to part (a) of your request our search of records indicates that there is no record of Eugene Corcoran ever having been an employee, contractor or contractor's employee of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant ("IP3 Plant"). There is no record of Eugene Corcoran having been a visitor at the IP3 Plant at any time during 1984 or thereafter.

NYPA still has not located any records regarding Eugene Corcoran's employment on the site despite the fact that we have provided copies of his pay stubs and W-2 form verifying that he was employed at IP3 by Westinghouse Electric. NYPA states they do not have an NRC-4 form for Eugene Corcoran. Despite regulations at 10 C.F.R. 20.202, which require personnel monitoring in restricted areas, according to information we have been given, Eugene Corcoran was not monitored and thus, there is no evidence of his exposure or the extent of the radiation hazard that existed at the stop valve at the time he was working on it.

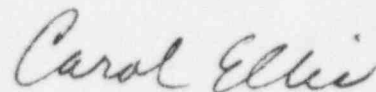
This present FOIA request, is an attempt to obtain information about the health physics who worked in the IP3 turbine building in June of 1985 and whose names appear on the survey reports produced by NYPA. It is not known if these HPs were employed directly by NYPA, or if they were employed by IRM, as contractor for NYPA. We have requested this information from NYPA, but have not as yet received it. Meanwhile, the Court has imposed a June 1, 1996 cut off date for discovery for this phase of the lawsuit. We have until that date to locate, interview and depose any witnesses. Please provide any information to help us locate the following health physics who signed the survey reports made in June 1985 in the IP3 turbine building:

G. A. Ball  
Robin (?) or Robert (?) A. Clark  
R. Hemby  
D. Lizbinski  
Stan Maurgiaina  
Dave Page

Kenneth W. Bowers  
Cathie Hardee  
Stephen Lizbinski  
\* T. Long  
Policastro  
\* Tom Phillips

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. George Wunder, Project Manager