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Ms. Nina Bell
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
1346 Connecticut Avenue, NW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-84-459

Dear Ms. Bell:

This is in further response to your letter dated June 1, 1984, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), two categories of documents relating to operation of the Grand Gulf nuclear power reactor and the Transamerica Delaval, Inc., diesel generators in use at the Grand Gulf nuclear power plant.

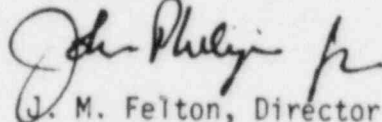
The records listed on the enclosed Appendix D are responsive to your request. These records, with the exception of number seven, are being withheld in their entirety. Document one consists of the staff's draft answers to questions on the license application for Grand Gulf. These answers contain opinions, views, comments, and recommendations with regard to this application. A copy of the record containing the staff's final answers to these questions has previously been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. You may inspect this document by referencing the accession number listed at number seven of Appendix D. The remaining records listed on the appendix contain predecisional information relating to a sensitive issue on which the staff has yet to make a final decision. Also, this issue could eventually result in an enforcement action. Release of these records would tend to inhibit the open and frank exchange of ideas and other information essential to the deliberative process. The records, therefore, are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to Exemption (5) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5)) and 10 CFR 9.5(a)(5) of the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.9 and 9.15 of the Commission's regulations, it has been determined that the information withheld is exempt from production or disclosure, and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The person responsible for the denial of document one is Mr. Carlton Kammerer, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. The persons responsible for the denial of documents two through six on Appendix D are the undersigned and Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The denials by Mr. Denton and myself may be appealed to the Executive Director for Operations within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. Any such appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision." The denial by Mr. Kammerer may be appealed within 30 days to the Secretary of the Commission and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission.

This completes NRC's action on your request.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration

Enclosure: As stated

APPENDIX D

EXEMPTION

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| 1. | Undated | Staff draft answers to the Honorable Edward Markey's questions on the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Station's license application. (58 pages) | 5 |
| 2. | 9/3/83 | Memorandum for Harold R. Denton from James P. O'Reilly, Subject: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 - Non-Mitigated (For IGSCC) Welds in Recirculation System Piping. (1 page) | 5 |
| 3. | 9/20/83 | Memorandum for Harold Denton from Richard Vollmer, Subject: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 - Non-Mitigated (For IGSCC) Welds in the Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary. (2 pages) | 5 |
| 4. | 9/14/83 | Note to Dick Vollmer from Harold Denton regarding the Grand Gulf situation. (1 page) | 5 |
| 5. | 11/11/83 | Memorandum for J. P. McGaughy from J. F. Groves, Subject: GGNS Five-Percent Power Operational Readiness Review. (1 page) | 5 |
| 6. | 1/12/84 | Note to Tom Novak and Al Schwencer from Dean Houston, Subject: IHSI at Grand Gulf. (1 page) | 5 |
| 7. | 07/17/84 | Commission's letter to the Honorable Edward Markey transmitting final answers to questions on Grand Gulf's license application. Accession No. 8407230116. | |



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June 1, 1984

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-84-459

Rec'd 6-5-84

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Felton:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, as amended, the Nuclear Information and Resource Service requests the following documents regarding the Grand Gulf nuclear plant. Please consider "documents" to include reports, studies, test results, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notes, meeting minutes, working papers, graphs, charts, diagrams, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, computer records, and any other forms of written communication, including internal NRC Staff memoranda. The documents are specifically requested from, but not limited to, the Office of Inspection and Enforcement (I&E); Office of the Executive Legal Director (OELD); Office of Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data (AEOD); Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (Research); Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR); Generic Issues Branch of the Division of Safety Technology, NRR; Office of the General Counsel (OGC); and the Operating Reactors Branches of the Division of Licensing. In your response, please identify which documents correspond to which requests below.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to:

1. Operation of the Grand Gulf nuclear power reactor produced since January 1, 1984, including operation with the Transamerica Delaval Inc. diesel generators; and
2. The Transamerica Delaval Inc. diesel generators in use at the Grand Gulf nuclear power plant.

In our opinion, it is appropriate in this case for you to waive copying and search charges, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) "because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." The

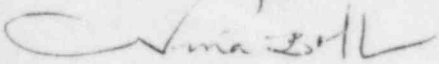
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Sincerely,

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Nina Bell
Nuclear Safety Analyst

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