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MEMORANDUM FOR: James H. Snizek, Director
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FROM: Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: UNAVAILABILITY OF RADIATION PROTECTION DATA FROM INPO

This is to request your assistance as INPO Coordinator in resolving a matter involving the INPO/NRC Radiation Protection Evaluation. A Coordination Plan for NRC/INPO Radiological Protection Activities, which was signed on March 3, 1983, contains the following paragraph:

2.c. Documents to be used by INPO in implementing its evaluation and assistance program will be made available to NRC and relevant information, knowledge, and experience in the area of radiation protection of workers will be shared.

During our early discussions with INPO, both NRR and INPO supported the objectives of the Coordination Plan. Specifically, in order for NRR to evaluate the effectiveness of industry efforts to demonstrate progress in achieving ALARA, NRR would need data from INPO on industry related ALARA activities. Such data are collected by INPO as a part of its effort to measure industry progress and the effectiveness of its own program. Within the last year, INPO has not provided the data necessary to meet our evaluation objectives because, they said, such data would be subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. INPO has provided ALARA related trend data reflecting INPO interpretation and analysis. In order for NRR to conduct an adequate, independent evaluation of industry success in achieving ALARA, we need the same basic data that INPO used in formulating its conclusions.

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

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