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Director
Office of Administration
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-85-687
Rec'd 10-11-85

Attn: Freedom of Information Act request

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. §552, Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project hereby requests copies of, and otherwise access to, the following records. Only records written during or since January 1, 1984 are being requested.

- (1) Any and all documents that report, analyze, or evaluate abnormal, unusual or otherwise reportable accidents, events, or mishaps occurring at power reactor sites or at any other stage of the nuclear fuel cycle during calendar year 1984, including but not limited to mining and milling of uranium, fabrication and transportation of fuel, and transportation of radioactive wastes.
- (2) Any and all documents that describe or evaluate trends in Licensee Event Reports or Preliminary Notifications of Events, or any relationship between LER's, PNO's or PNS's and economics or public health and safety. Again, only documents written during or since January 1, 1984 are being requested.
- (3) A copy of each 1984 Licensee Event Report, and all documents which systematically ranks, grades, or codes the relative seriousness of individual LER's, PNO's, PNS's or any other operating reactor event. AEOD's A-B-C-D-E letter grading system or Operating Reactor Branch numerical ranking system are specifically requested.
- (4) Any and all documents which analyze LER's, PNO's, PNS's or other significant events in terms of their causes, such as personnel error, defective procedures, or faulty design.
- (5) Any and all documents which describe or analyze any relationship that LER's, PNO's, PNS' or other significant events may have to:
 - (a) generic safety issues;
 - (b) architect/engineering firm;
 - (c) utility;
 - (d) performance record;
 - (e) plant management;
 - (f) financial factors, such as bond rating;
 - (g) plant age and/or condition; and/or
 - (h) reactor vendor
- (6) Any and all documents prepared since January 1, 1984 that describe, analyze,

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or otherwise report on any relationship that LER's, PNO's, PNS's or other significant events may have to Unresolved Safety Issues or other generic safety problems.

- (7) Any and all documents that summarize, describe, or report on any Operating Reactor Events Meetings held during or since January 1, 1984, that were prepared for use during or subsequent to any such meeting, or circulated between or among any of the meeting attendees before any such meeting.

Specifically included in this request are meeting minutes, I&E's (Items of Interest), the 1-2-3 rating system for evaluating the safety significance of reactor events, and the "Summary of Operating Experience" for January through December 1984.

- (8) Any and all documents prepared since January 1, 1984 that describe, analyze or evaluate power plant capacity factors and/or outage times, or correlate them to any factors, such as type of plant or characteristics of plant management.
- (9) Any and all documents showing when and how often the NRC Operations Center was utilized or put on standby during 1984, or that describe, analyze or report on any such instances.
- (10) Any and all documents that describe, analyze, or evaluate any site, area or general emergencies that occurred in 1984.
- (11) Any systematic review or analysis of licensee performance completed since January 1, 1984 including but not limited to:
 - (a) any and all SALP reports written since January 1, 1984;
 - (b) any and all summaries of SALP reports; and
 - (c) any and all compilations or ranking of SALP findings, especially including any notebook prepared by the SALP branch of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement which contains SALP findings for operating reactors.
- (12) Any and all documents prepared since January 1, 1984 that analyze, critique, estimate, or evaluate the accuracy or reliability of LER cause codes.
- (13) Any cost benefit, value impact analysis, documents or memos concerning the resolution or elimination of unresolved safety issues or generic requirements that was prepared since January 1, 1984.
- (14) Any and all documents and memos written since January 1, 1984 which describe, analyze, evaluate, or refer to the proposed elimination of any generic requirement or unresolved safety issue.
- (15) Any and all industry rankings of the relative importance of LER's or other significant operating events occurring since January 1, 1984.
- (16) Any and all documents written since January 1, 1984 that identify which NRC office(s) or individual(s) is/are responsible for reviewing or analyzing LER's and/or significant operating reactor events.
- (17) Any and all memos and documents to and from INPO relating to LER's, PNO's, PNS's or other operating reactor events.

In responding to this request, please indicate to which numbered item each document is responsive.

As used in this request, the terms "documents" and "records" include memoranda, reports, studies, reviews, letters, computer memories and printouts, audio and video tapes, movies and any other form of communication, in the possession of any individual or office in the NRC, including but not limited to the Offices of the Chairman and Commissioners, the Office of the Executive Director for Operations, the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, the Lessons Learned Task Force, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, and the NRC Regional Offices, whether originally generated by the NRC, its contractors, the nuclear industry or any other source.

The Critical Mass Energy Project of Public Citizen is a nationally known non-profit public interest organization founded in 1974, which will use this information in its annual study of nuclear power reactor events and safety problems. Copies of the study will be distributed to the press as well as other interested members of the public. In the past, our annual study has attracted considerable public interest and been the basis of dozens of news stories in the mass media. We consequently believe that the furnishing of this information "can be considered as primarily benefitting the public." We accordingly request a complete waiver of any costs you might incur in processing this request or providing us access to the records under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §§ 9.14a and 9.14b. If you deny this request for a waiver, please notify us first before proceeding to incur any costs associated with this request.

Nothing in this request should be considered a request for the private records of any specific individual. Hence, no provisions of the Privacy Act should be deemed applicable.

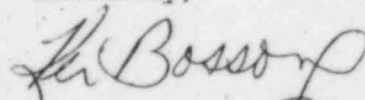
If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) on which you relied in refusing to release the information, and inform us of the appeal procedure available to us under the law. Further, since the Freedom of Information Act provides that reasonably segregable portions of partially exempt documents be released, we request that we be provided with all nonexempt portions. Of course, we reserve our right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, we will expect to receive a substantive reply within ten working days. If it helps you to locate the responsive documents, you may want to refer to a similar request we filed last year (FOIA request dated May 7, 1984 submitted by Michael Totten; your docket number: FOIA-84-351) which asked for comparable information.

If you have any questions about this request or if there is anything we can do to help refine the request, please give us a call at 546-4996.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Ken Bossong, Director
Critical Mass Energy Project