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**FOIA/PA REQUEST**

Case No. 2004-0185  
Date Recd. 3-30-04  
Action Off. Kennedy  
Priority Case:                     

NRC FOIA/PA Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop T6-D8  
Washington, DC 2055-0001  
Via Fax No. 301-415-5130

**Re: FOIA Request**

Dear NRC FOIA/PA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, I hereby file a request for access to documents on behalf of the NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER CENTER (NWC) and the COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY AT PLANT ZION. The documents requested are referenced by footnote 1 in the February 10, 2000 Memorandum from Chief Administrative Judge, G. Paul Bollwerk, III to the NRC Commission. The documents requested are as follows:

1. The December 17, 1998 Comments from the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) to the NRC General Counsel regarding a draft of what later became SECY-99-006 regarding the hearing process.
2. The January 19, 1999 Comments from the ASLBP to the NRC Commission on SECY-99-006 regarding the applicability of the Atomic Energy Act.

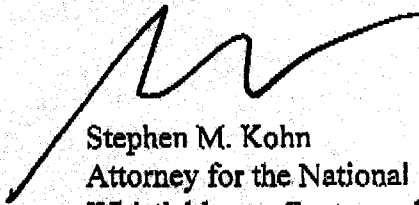
For any documents or portions that you deny due to a specific FOIA exemption, please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld.

I also ask that all fees be waived because of the information requested is not in the commercial interest of the requester. I am requesting access to this information for the NWC, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

As a result of the high public interest in these documents, I ask that this FOIA request be expedited and that all documents be released within ten (10) working days. In the event our request for expedited processing is denied, I expect to receive a response within 20 working days as required by the FOIA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Stephen M. Kohn  
Attorney for the National  
Whistleblower Center and the  
Committee for Safety at Plant Zion