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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request access to Nuclear Regulation Commission records. In 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA or the Act) which provides monetary compensation and medical care for Department of Energy (DOE) employees and approved Atomic Weapons Employees exposed to radiation during employment, and subsequently diagnosed with certain cancers. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) was given responsibility for determining occupational radiation doses for workers making claims under the Act.

Key information, such as that described below, is needed to reconstruct radiation dose for some atomic weapons workers. If more detailed information about EEOICPA is needed, the following website contains more detailed information about the program: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas>.

Although there are several sites for which we are in the process of gathering data, the specific sites for which we are currently interested in obtaining information are the NUMEC facilities located in Apollo and Parks Township, PA. The type of records that we feel we could obtain from your office are those from the post Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) operational period and possibly towards the end of the AEC operational period. The AEC operational period, as defined by EEOICPA, is Parks (1957-1980) and Apollo (1957-1983). We are also interested in obtaining records from the Westinghouse Nuclear Fuels Division in Cheswick, PA (AEC operational period 1971-1972).

These records would be very useful in the development of supporting documentation to be used by NIOSH and its contractor, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), for radiation dose reconstruction. In particular, the records we anticipate to be most useful that we understand are in the possession of the NRC are those documents which identify the radiological conditions prior to and during the decommissioning of the facilities. Records containing residual contamination/radiation levels (pre- and post-decommissioning/demolition), decommissioning plans, progress updates, overview of facility operations, process/building descriptions, NRC licenses, radiation protection/radiological safety documents, and individual dosimetry data are being targeted. In order to facilitate this effort, we would like to obtain information about your record collection and the availability of records for review at the earliest convenience possible.

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Our contractor, ORAU, was contracted by NIOSH to perform dose reconstructions and is obligated to search for all data/records that may be useful for this task. Under the provisions of the contract, the ORAU team is required to handle information that contains personal identifiers (Privacy Act Data). Authorization for that is contained in the Federal Register Notice that can be found at www.cdc.gov/niosh/01-20478.html.

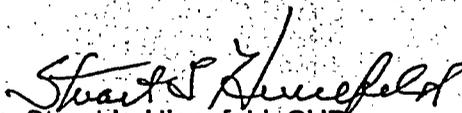
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If you should need any further assistance or want to talk to a NIOSH staff Health Physicist, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Nelson. Mr. Nelson's telephone number is (513) 533-6822, or he can be contacted by email at bxy4@cdc.gov.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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