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Desc: NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Operating Experience Communication dated October 2, 2008, titled "River Bend – Wind Forces Exceed Turbine Building Siding Construction" including pictures 1, 2, and 3, the attachment providing wind speed data, and the linked slides from Entergy's presentation on the subject on September 8, 2008.

FeeCategory: Educational

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Waiver\_Purpose: The information being requested deals with the integrity of structures at the River Bend nuclear plant relied upon to protect against the uncontrolled, unmonitored release of radioactive material (in

that case, radioactive gas) to the environment. This information is relevant to the ongoing cases of radioactive liquids leaking from Vermont Yankee and other NRC-licensed facilities because the same federal regulations and licensing requirements applicable to uncontrolled, unmonitored releases of radioactive gases also apply to releases of radioactively contaminated liquids.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS intends to compare and contrast how the licensee and the NRC responded to the potential for radioactive gas to be released via the uncontrolled, unmonitored pathway represented by the damaged turbine building structure to the responses to actual releases of radioactively contaminated liquids through uncontrolled, unmonitored pathways at Vermont Yankee, Salem, Indian Point, and other NRC-licensed facilities.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: In January 2006, UCS submitted a petition under 10 CFR 2.206 on behalf of more than two dozen public interest organizations and individuals across the United States seeking to have the NRC demand information from its licensees on measures to protect the public against uncontrolled, unmonitored releases of radioactively contaminated liquids from NRC-licensed nuclear power reactors. The NRC denied that petition. Leaks of radioactively contaminated liquids persist, most recently reported at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. The US Congress has tasked the Government Accountability Office to investigate how the NRC has handled the recurring reports of leaks and spills. UCS seeks the requested information to inform the GAO investigators and to follow-up on our 2006 attempt to protect the American public from this recurring, undue hazard.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: UCS intends to describe in plain English the federal regulations and licensing requirements applicable to releases of radioactive materials from nuclear power plants along with the systems and processes at the nuclear power plants intended to process releases in conformance with these regulatory requirements. Our objective is to provide people living around nuclear power plants, and their elected officials, an understanding of the problem along with our recommended solution.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: UCS reviewed past reports to reveal that virtually every one of the nation's 104 operating nuclear power reactors has experienced an uncontrolled, unmonitored leak or spill of radioactively contaminated liquid. Millions of Americans live within 10 miles of these facilities, licensed by the NRC. UCS has no expectation that the entirety or even the majority of these individuals have an appetite for the explanation we intend to provide. But the high local interest in the current leak at Vermont Yankee and past leaks at Indian Point and Salem strongly suggest that there is an audience waiting for information we seek to provide. That local interest has already led to the US Congress responding by triggering an inquiry by the GAO.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: In the past, UCS has utilized petitions to the NRC, testimonies before the US Congress, and reports posted to the UCS website ([www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)) to call attention to nuclear safety issues. UCS intends to use similar vehicles in the future using the information sought by this request.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: UCS posts electronics copies of materials like petitions, reports, and testimonies to the UCS website so that any one, UCS member or not, can view and download them for free. We will continue this practice with any materials we develop using the information obtained in response to this request.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None

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