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Desc: All records (including emails, drawings, notes, draft reports, calculations, evaluations, internal OE summaries, inspector information exchange communications) related to the discovery of the leaking condensate storage tank return line at Indian Point (see NRC Inspection Report 50-247/2009002 dated 5/12/2009) and the discovery of a leaking auxiliary service water line at Oconee (see NRC Inspection Report 50-287/2009501 dated 10/29/2009).

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Waiver_Purpose: As a followup to information obtained via FOIA/PA-2010-0334, UCS seeks the requested information to better understand this event relative to the NRC's license renewal process for inaccessible piping and components. During recent public meetings, the NRC staff has contended that the risks of damaging buried piping might be greater than the risks from uninspected buried piping. This event involves both excavation of buried piping and piping degraded below allowable levels requiring its replacement. UCS intends to review the requested information so as to better understand the risk/reward applied to inspection of inaccessible piping.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS issued a brief following the failure of buried ESW piping at the Byron nuclear plant in October 2007. We will review the requested information to determine if an update to that report, or a new report, is warranted.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The cited NRC inspection reports describe the discovery of leaks at Indian Point and Oconee in roughly two pages each. The requested information is sought to flesh out these sketchy details. For example, it's not clear from the NRC report how the buried piping is routed and how the leak from the buried piping at Oconee was found. UCS intends to review the requested information to answer these and related questions. Very little information, other than the NRC inspection reports are publicly available. The public will gain ready access to all records released by NRC to UCS in response to this FOIA, plus any commentary UCS issues following our review of the records.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: As suggested by the response to question 3 above, very little information on these discoveries is publicly available. UCS believes these discoveries may be very relevant to the current buried piping issue and believes public release of the requested information will enable all stakeholders to become better informed and to make better decisions on how aging management of underground/buried piping should proceed.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: Underground/buried piping issues are big topics of discussion in Vermont, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts this year. Public citizens, local elected officials, and state officials have all been engaged in the discussions. Their efforts will likely be enhanced by the requested information.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: First, since UCS is a non-profit, public-interest organization, the NRC places records provided to us in response to this FOIA request in public ADAMS. This allows any one and every one who can access ADAMS to view this important information. Second, UCS will likely prepare a report or issue brief based on the Salem discovery from our review of the requested information. our products are posted online at www.ucsus.org and available for viewing/downloading at no cost by members and non-members of UCS.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: No charge is charged to view/download information posted on the UCS website.

Waiver_PrivateCommercialInterest: None.
