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Desc: Riverkeeper requests copies of any and all documentation related to the release or loss of dialectic fluid/oil that resulted from the catastrophic failure and explosion of the Indian Point Unit 2 #21 Main Transformer on November 7, 2010, including, but not limited to, any correspondence between NRC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., and/or other state or federal agencies in reference to said release or loss, and any documentation related to any response activities, inspection activities, and/or investigative activities performed as a result of said release or loss, and NRC's assessment of such release or loss.

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Waiver_Purpose: Riverkeeper is a nonprofit environmental organization whose mission is to safeguard the ecological and biological integrity of the Hudson River. Since Indian Point is situated on the banks of the Hudson River in Buchanan, NY, any environmental impacts to the river caused by the operation of the plant are of paramount importance to our members as well as the public living in the Hudson Valley. Riverkeeper is aware that the November 7, 2010 transformer explosion that occurred at Indian Point resulted in the release of dielectric fluid to the environment, including the Hudson River. Since this occurrence was not disclosed to the public, Riverkeeper is seeking to obtain any and all information available in relation to the oil release in order to gain an accurate understanding of the event, with which we can fully inform our members and the public who have a vested interest in the health and integrity of the Hudson River about the incident.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: We will review the documents provided, extract relevant information about the release of oil to the Hudson River to better inform our members and the public about the circumstances surrounding and consequences resulting from the event. We will analyze the content of the records to aid us in understanding the extent of environmental damage posed by the release of oil, as well as NRC and other agencies' efforts to assess and respond to the release of oil.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The records will be used to educate our staff, members, and the public about the release of oil to the environment and the Hudson River that resulted from the catastrophic Indian Point transformer failure and explosion, specifically, the details surrounding the occurrence, and state and federal agencies response(s) thereto. As an environmental attorney and public interest advocate who regularly works on Indian Point matters (both safety and environmental related issues), I am uniquely situated to impart this knowledge to enhance the public's understanding about the oil release event. I have a legal background and experience working with state and federal regulations, as well extensive work experience related to Indian Point matters that has afforded me with a great deal of knowledge about the plant. Moreover, Riverkeeper has working relationships with experts with whom we can consult to the extent the documents contain technical information. !

Accordingly, Riverkeeper is well equipped to present our analysis of any information provided in response to the instant FOIA request in order to keep the public fully informed and contribute to their understanding of the incident.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: Neither the owner of Indian Point, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., nor any state or federal agency informed the public about the release of oil to the environment and Hudson River that resulted from the transformer explosion. Thus, the information available about this event has been limited and not readily available. Disclosure of any information in the possession of the NRC about this event will therefore most certainly increase the public's currently limited understanding of all the details surrounding the oil spill event. As nonprofit organization that regularly communicates with the public on environmental, public, and energy issues, Riverkeeper is uniquely situated to enhance the public's understanding of this issue.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: Riverkeeper has thousands of members, including many who live in the vicinity of Indian Point and use and recreate in the Hudson River. Our members have a vested interest in the environmental integrity of the Hudson River, which Riverkeeper strives to defend and protect. The Hudson River is a public resource, and our members, as well as the nearly half a million people who reside in the plant's vicinity (and nearly 20 million people who live within 50 miles of the plant), have a right to know the full truth about the consequences to the environment and river that result from Entergy's failure to safely run Indian Point.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: After analyzing the records, Riverkeeper disseminates it to the public through postings on our website, www.riverkeeper.org, press releases and press conferences, news articles, op-ed pieces, and television news interviews.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.