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Desc: ML1116105300 - the TIA regarding the concrete degradation discovered by the NRC at Seabrook.

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Waiver_Purpose: In March 2010, UCS initiated what we plan to be a series of annual reports on NRC and nuclear industry performance. The inaugural report was titled "The NRC and Nuclear Power Plant Safety in 2010: A Brighter Spotlight Needed," available free online at http://www.ucsusa.org/nuclear_power/nuclear_power_risk/safety/nrc-and-nuclear-power-2010.html. That report, and ensuing reports, has chapters describing good and bad NRC performance during the preceding

year. The 2010 report summarized stellar NRC catches at Browns Ferry, Oconee, and Kewaunee. We seek the TIA to see if the NRC's identification of concrete degradation at Seabrook is a candidate for our 2011 report.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: The TIA is not currently publicly available, so it's hard to say how an unseen document will shape our thinking and actions. But we believe the TIA is a request by NRC Region I, which discovered the concrete degradation at Seabrook to NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for the broader context of the degradation. In our 2010 report, we described how the NRC's finding of problems at Browns Ferry led to fixes elsewhere. Similarly, the TIA may provide UCS with a better understanding of what the NRC found at Seabrook and where else that finding may apply.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: Our 2010 report received considerable attention, in part because it was released shortly after the Fukushima accident when a huge international spotlight was focused on nuclear power issues. Our 2011 report, if this Seabrook event gets included, will not likely receive the same volume of coverage. But we hope it'll receive the same coverage we'd anticipated when we decided to prepare the 2010 report as the first in an annual series. We want to highlight strong NRC performance and also bad NRC performance with the goal of pushing the agency towards more of the former and less of the latter.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: There is some information on NRC Region I's discovery in the public arena. For example, the NRC inspection report is available. But the full scope of the NRC's concerns about that concrete degradation is lacking. UCS hopes to better understand the fuller scope of the NRC's concerns for our 2011 report. The TIA will also broaden the public's understanding of the concrete degradation problem at Seabrook and the specific concerns, and unanswered questions, NRC has about it.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: As mentioned above, UCS intends to include the information from the TIA in our 2011 report on NRC's performance. That report should get national media attention and local media attention for the individual reactors, like Seabrook, covered in it.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: Our intention is to review the information in the TIA for possible inclusion of the NRC's discovery of concrete degradation in our 2011 report on the NRC's performance during the year.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: The report, like our 2010 report, will be posted to the UCS website (www.ucsusa.org) where it can be viewed/downloaded without charge and without having to be a dues paying member of UCS.

Waiver_PrivateCommercialInterest: None.
