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Desc: Letter dated September 18, 2012, from NRC staffer Lawrence Criscione to NRC Chairman Alison Macfarlane about nuclear plant vulnerabilities to flooding.

FeeCategory: Educational

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FeeCategory\_Description:

Expedite\_ImminentThreatText:

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Waiver\_Purpose: NRC Generic Issue 204 (GI-204) and some of the NRC Near Term Task Force recommendations involve flooding hazards to nuclear plants caused by failure of upstream and downstream dams. This topic interests UCS and the requested information should help us better understand it.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: We have reason to believe that the requested information speaks to the flooding hazard as well as some of the collateral issues, such as public availability of dam failure probabilities. UCS wishes to better understand the flooding hazard as well as the proper context for discussing this matter in public while still withholding that information which may be useful to persons wanting to sabotage nuclear plant(s). The letter's contents may help us on both fronts.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: UCS has posted a blog to our allthingsnuclear.org blog and plans to add information on flooding hazards to our Nuclear Power Information Tracker web feature ([www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)). We will likely prepare issue briefs or backgrounders on flooding hazards and will likely include it in our comments to NRC about Fukushima lessons learned. UCS has a long history of presenting information about nuclear plant safety in a more public-friendly format. UCS will strive to sustain that history with this flooding hazard topic.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: This past week, the two newspapers in the southeast and the Associated Press ran articles about the flooding hazard at Oconee. The issue, even after the flooding damage caused at Fukushima in March 2011, is largely unknown in the United States. UCS's efforts to focus a spotlight on flooding hazards will almost certainly result in more media coverage and will hopefully also result in more Congressional oversight of the NRC's efforts to manage the flooding risks. UCS seeks the requested information so as to present the matter in appropriate context for that broader audience.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: Millions of Americans live within 10 miles of the nearly three dozen reactors identified by the NRC in GI-204 as having flooding hazards to address. UCS believes that many of these persons, as well as the Members of Congress who represent them, want to know more about the flooding hazards and their solutions.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: UCS will use written materials (fact sheets, backgrounders, reports, written comments in response to NRC notices for public comment, and testimonies to Congress and the Commission) to call attention to this issue. In addition, we are adding flooding hazard information to the Nuclear Power Information Tracker on our website, [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org).

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to our website are available for viewing/downloading free of charge, whether one is a UCS member or not. UCS might discuss the flooding hazard in materials that we only disseminate to UCS members, but any such discussions will only be summaries of larger reports posted to our website and available for free to all persons.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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