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Waiver\_Purpose: UCS is examining the relative risk between storing irradiated fuel in wet pools vice dry storage. The NRC's 12/20/2004 response to the requested letter suggests this letter speaks to this matter. But the letter is not publicly available which I confirmed by checking with the NRC's PDR staff. It exists in ADAMS, but is coded non-public.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: The NRC's response suggests that the Maine Yankee licensee sought to reduce its liability insurance obligations after it completed transfer of spent fuel to dry storage. UCS plans to review the reasons offered by this licensee to aid our understanding of the relative risks of pool versus dry storage of spent fuel.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: The NRC and the Congress have several activities (such as the NRC's Waste Confidence Decision rulemaking and the Congress' legislation of Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations). UCS is participating in such activities and seeks the requested record to increase our awareness of the matter and strengthen our advocacy positions.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: Industry entities, such as EPRI, have been contending recently that pool and dry storage are risk equal. The requested letter seems to suggest that one licensee thought otherwise. UCS seeks to understand that licensee's rationale and communication proper spent fuel risk management techniques to the public and decision-makers.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: Spent fuel storage is UCS's #1 nuclear safety focus area. Already in 2013, I have traveled through South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, and Michigan talking with citizens and elected officials about spent fuel storage risks and our recommended solutions. UCS has posted materials to our website, as recently as this morning, to share our viewpoints even more widely. In addition, UCS is frequently contacted by the media on this subject. For example, today I did interviews with WAMU in New York and with the Energy & Environment News. It is a prime topic of interest to many across the country.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: UCS will very likely be providing testimony to Congressional committees about spent fuel storage legislation, submitting comments regarding NRC's draft spent fuel scoping study and draft GEIS on Waste Confidence, posting short reports and blogs to our website, and communicating with as many citizens, reporters, and elected officials as we can seeking better management of onsite spent fuel storage risks.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: No charge will be required

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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