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Desc: All emails dated October 7, 2013, through December 3, 2013, inclusive addressed to and sent by the following NRC staffers: Ben Beasley, John Kauffman, Ken Karwoski, George Wilson, and John Boska regarding any of the following topics: (a) Jocassee Dam, (b) flooding protection at the Oconee nuclear plant, (c) flooding hazards and flooding protection issues more generally, (d) Gi-204, and (e) the flood-related recommendations that are among the NRC's Fukushima lessons learned.

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Waiver_Purpose: UCS is monitoring the flooding issue related to nuclear plant safety. The NRC and its federal partners have been examining this topic, as evidenced by the January 2013 workshop hosted by the NRC. The named individuals have been involved in the examining the flooding issue. UCS seeks the requested records to add to our understanding of the flooding hazard facing nuclear power plants.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS has reviewed materials on GHI-204, the Jocassee dam, and the Fukushima flood-related recommendations. We will review the records obtained via this FOIA request to supplement our awareness of the topic.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: On January 6, 2014, UCS staffer David Lochbaum participated in a Commission briefing on flooding and extreme weather hazards. As indicated by this opportunity, UCS is recognized by the NRC as being informed on this topic and having the qualifications to provide meaningful insights. UCS seeks the requested records to apply our acumen to further and better understanding the flooding hazard and its best solutions. Our participating in the Commission briefing shows that we can represent the public interest on this topic.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: UCS seeks the requested records so as to be able to present the flooding hazard and associated protections in fuller context. Other publicly available records speak to what the NRC is doing to reduce vulnerabilities to flooding. UCS seeks the requested records to be able to provide fuller explanations. The requested records are likely to shed insights into why certain recommendations were favored over other alternatives - insights missing from the current public record on what fixes are to be made. In addition, UCS's commentaries following our reviews are generally perceived as being unbiased and more reader-friendly than the jargon-laden and acronym-filled NRC reports.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: GI-204 included nearly 3 dozen nuclear power reactors in the US while the Fukushima flooding walkdowns were mandated at all US nuclear power reactors. Thus, all Americans living within 50 miles of an operating nuclear power plant may be interested in measures undertaken by NRC to better protect them from flooding hazards.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS releases fact sheets, issue briefs, and reports on nuclear safety concerns like flooding. UCS has a website (www.ucsusa.org) and a blog (AllThingsNuclear.org) that we use to post materials. In addition, UCS has web tool called the Nuclear Power Information Tracker that allows users to look at which reactors have what problems. Currently, the reactors covered by GI-204 are shown by this tracker. It contains links to fact sheets, issue briefs, and reports with additional information on flooding. UCS will review the requested records and use these communications tools to convey our commentaries.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials produced by UCS are available for viewing/downloading from the UCS website and blog without charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None
