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Desc: ML12366A182, an undated draft response to Missouri State Representative Jeanette Oxford from NRC Chairman Macfarlane, and all emails, memos, meeting minutes, records of phone conversations, etc. related to that letter.

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Waiver_Purpose: The requested documents relate to a response to a letter from Representative Oxford (ML12366A179). I was copied on correspondence between Larry Criscione and Representative Oxford and also more recently on a July 1, 2014, response from Chairman Macfarlane to Missouri State Representative Kirkton. I have considerable awareness of the October 2003 event at Callaway that was the subject of the letters and responses and seek the requested records to add to my understanding.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS worked with Larry Criscione (on his spare, non-NRC time) to release a detailed report on the October 2003 event at Callaway. UCS is also aware of the allegations Mr. Criscione filed with NRC Region IV and OIG. UCS will review the requested records to see how they reinforce, or perhaps contradict, other publicly available information on this event and its ensuing investigations.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: It's clear from the letters submitted to NRC by at least two elected officials in Missouri that there's public interest in the October 2003 event at Callaway and how it was handled by the NRC. I have personally emailed Representative Kirkton regarding the Chairman's July 1, 2014, letter. I also mailed Representative Oxford a letter conveying my perspective on the event and deficiencies in the NRC's response to it. The paper trail so far reveals the NRC's "story" to change, the "facts" being quite fungible. UCS will use the requested records to add to the record of what the NRC knew when. In addition, the NRC's handling of this event is being closely monitored by nuclear safety professionals in the US. The requested records and our commentary about them will add to the understanding of elected officials, the public, and nuclear safety professionals.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: While the NRC has issued public records such as an Information Notice on the technical aspects of the October 2003 event, the NRC has not - except via prior FOIAs - released any records publicly on how the matter was handled by the NRC. The requested records complement the public records with this process-side story about the event. Plus, there's considerable interest and discussion in recent years about safety culture -- the requested records speak directly to the agency's internal safety culture and will sate this public appetite.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: Over 20,000 people live within 10 miles of the Callaway nuclear plant. Many have an interest in the NRC's oversight of the reactor in their community. Many others are interested in safety culture and how the NRC handles safety issues. The requested records interest those with a specific focus on Callaway as well as those with a general focus on safety culture and NRC oversight.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS issues briefs, reports, and blog commentaries. We provide testimony to Congress and the NRC Commission. Our perspectives are solicited by GAO and the NRC OIG. Depending on what we learn from the requested records and the opportunities that are available, UCS will communicate our perspectives as appropriate via one or more of these options.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to the UCS website (www.ucsusa.org) and blog (allthingsnuclear.org) are available for viewing/downloading free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.
