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Desc: Included among records provided in response to FOIA-2014 0348 (ML15128A601) included a listing of seminars #60 through #114 conducted by the NRC's Office of Research. This request is for the handouts, slides, and DVDs for Seminars #63, #65, #66, #68, #71, #74, #76, #85, #86, #87, #89, #94, #96, #97, #99, #100, #108, and #112 from this series. Associated records, like attendance sign-in lists and scheduling emails, need not be provided. This request is limited to the slides used by the presenters and handouts provided by the presenters along with the DVDs indicated to be available for many of the specified seminars.

FeeCategory: Educational

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Waiver\_Purpose: The requested records cover a range of topics. For some topics, like SOARCA and seismic/flooding, UCS seeks the requested records to support our engagement with the NRC on these issues. For most of the topics (like use of zirconium in the industry and the history of radiation protection), UCS plans to review the requested records for our Nuclear Energy Activist Toolkit (NEAT) series of posts to our All Things Nuclear blog.

Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS will review the requested records on SOARCA, flooding/seismic analyses, and concrete degradation to support our ongoing engagement with the NRC and others on these topics. For the other topics, UCS will seek to extract information for NEAT posts to our blog. The NEAT series is a non-advocacy, educational series of posts intended to increase the awareness of the blog's audience on issues. Past NEAT posts have covered topics like the NRC's annual Information Digest, the NRC's online LER search tool, the NRC's generic communications, and the ability to sign-up for NRC's various email lists.

Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals: UCS's Dave Lochbaum and Ed Lyman have technical capabilities in SOARCA and seismic/flooding areas. UCS has retained a civil engineer to evaluate the ASR degradation issue at Seabrook. We will apply this expertise to the records obtained from seminars on these topics. UCS's Lochbaum has experience, including qualification as a reactor technology instructor for the NRC, on the other selected topics so as to prepare short commentaries for our NEAT series of blog posts about these areas.

Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The seminar series conducted by the NRC's Office of Research is a way to increase the awareness of NRC staffers on these topics. The presentations made during these seminars are typically not available to the public. UCS seeks the requested records to complement the NRC's internal awareness-raising efforts with ones intended to provide the same benefit for the public. In addition, UCS has interest in SOARCA, seismic/flooding analyses, and concrete degradation and seeks requested records on these topics to supplement our awareness obtained from other sources.

Waiver\_NatureOfPublic: Our NEAT series of blog posts attracts a small but dedicated audience of regular readers. In addition, UCS refers members of the public and media to NEAT blog posts in response to inquiries. For example, we field several inquiries each year about routine releases of radioactivity from nuclear plants. NEAT #41 spoke to that topic, and we often refer subsequent inquirers to that commentary. We intend to use NEAT commentaries to increase the awareness of the public on issues. For example, Seminar #68 covered protective coatings at nuclear plants. The NRC dispatched a Special Inspection Team to Duane Arnold due to protective coating issues in the torus. UCS plans a blog post about the Duane Arnold SIT report, and may fold info from records obtained about this seminar into that commentary.

Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination: The majority of the requested records will be reviewed for the purposes of developing commentaries for NEAT posts to our All Things Nuclear blog. UCS will review the requested records on SOARCA, seismic/flooding analyses, and concrete degradation for continuing engagement on these topics. That engagement will likely include development of fact sheets, Commission briefing presentation materials, Fission Stories blog posts, and other materials to communicate our views to NRC, Congress, media, and public audiences.

Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to the UCS website and the UCS blog are available for viewing/downloading free of charge.

Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.

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