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Desc: (1) All emails dated January 1, 2014, and later sent or received by any non-SES individual within the NRC Divisions of Risk Assessment in NRR, RES, or NRO concerning the potential discontinuation of the SPAR models. This scope includes emails between non-SES individuals in these divisions and NRC's contractors. (2) All emails dated January 1, 2014, and later sent or received by any SES individual within the entire NRC organization concerning SPAR models. (3) All emails dated January 1, 2014, and later sent or received by the NRC Chairman, NRC Commissioners, and their staffs regarding SPAR models. NOTE: The scope for Items (2) and (3) is broader than for Item (1) in that it is not confined to only potential discontinuation of SPAR models.

FeeCategory: Educational

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Waiver_Purpose: I accepted an invitation to participate on a panel during the NRC's Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) on the SDP Streamlining effort. In researching that topic for my presentation, I was told my several NRC staffers and managers that discontinuing the use of SPAR models for SDP purposes was under consideration. While I doubt I will receive a response to this request in time for that presentation (March 10, 2016), the matter will remain active later into 2016. I expect to review the requested records to better understand options considered by the NRC in the SDP Streamlining effort.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: The requested records will likely describe how the SPAR models are used for SDP applications along with pros and cons of their usage. I expect to review the requested records and gain a better understanding of how the SPAR models are used for SDP applications along with any limitations. This better understanding will enable me to participate more meaningfully in the public meetings the NRC will conduct throughout this effort.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: UCS is a public interest group. We often function as the only representative of the public during NRC meetings on policies and practices (such as the RIC panel on SDP streamlining.) The requested records will increase my understanding of the SPAR models as used in SDP space and allow me to better represent the public interest during these meetings.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The requested records seek a peek behind the SPAR model curtain. Records about SPAR models are available, such as the SPAR benchmarking reports and the recent release of NUREG-2187 on the thermal hydraulic analysis of Byron against its SPAR model. But the requested records will likely shed further information on SPAR models used in SDP space such as the NRC staff resources needed to evaluate events using the SPAR models and conditions causing the SPAR model results to vary from results of risk assessments by licensees. The requested records will likely provide the public with a broader dimension to the SPAR models and their use.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: UCS does not expect that the SPAR models as used in SDP space will interest large numbers of the public. Instead, we seek the requested records to better serve the public interest as we participate in NRC public meetings during the SDP streamlining effort. Additionally, we expect that our better understanding of how SPAR models are used in SDP space will help us respond to inquiries from citizens and reporters about the timing and classification of greater-than-green findings by the NRC.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS primarily expects the use information from the requested records as we participate in public meetings conducted by the NRC during the SDP streamlining effort. Our role in such meetings is in representing the public interest. We may also prepare commentaries on the topic for our All Things Nuclear blog and/or our www.ucsusa.org website.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to our blog and website are available for viewing/downloading free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.
