

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable John C. Culver United States Senate Washington, DC

Dear Senator Culver:

In regard to your letter of August 29, 1979, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has responded to Mr. Bob Romick's Freedom of Information Act request for documents concerning "accidents" at nuclear power plants in the USA for the years 1949 through 1979 (FOIA-79-354).

Two copies of our response to Mr. Romick are enclosed. As stated in our letter, copies of the requested documents were sent to Mr. Romick and placed in the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC, for public inspection and copying, together with a copy of his request.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY R. G. SMITH

Lee V. Gossick Executive Director for Operations

Enclosures: As stated

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Mr. Bob Romic 1728 Grant Street Bettendorf, IA 52722

IN RESPONSE REFER TO FOIA-79-354

Dear Mr. Romic:

This is in reply to your letter dated August 22, 1979, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of a list of accidents concerning nuclear power plants in the United States for the years 1949 through 1979. Your request asked for the plant site, cause, date and amount of radiation released into the surrounding area near the sites and/or to the workers in the plants.

This confirms that in a telephone conversation with you on September 12, 1979, Mr. Frank W. Karas of this office discussed with you the nature of your request so as to facilitate the search for documents which would contain information of interest to you.

The documents described in Appendix A have been identified as being subject to your request. Copies of these documents are enclosed (total 298 pages), and a copy of each is being placed in the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

This completes action on your request.

Felton, Director

Division of Rules and Records

Office of Administration

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## APPENDIX A

- Two lists of past "accidents" that have occurred at nuclear power plants in the USA - List A = Information for period prior to NRC formation, and List B = Information for period since NRC formation (103 pages).
- September 13, 1979 Computer Print-Out; LER Output on Events Involving Releases From 1969 to the Present - Output sorted by Facility and Event Date (183 pages).
- 3. September 19, 1979 Computer Print-Out; LER Output On Events Involving Overexposures from 1969 to the Present Output sorted by Facility and Event Date (12 pages).