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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Felton:

Thank you for answering my Freedom Of Information request for documents relating to the NRC investigation this year of the nuclear facility in Apollo, Pa. The inquiry arose from a letter sent by an employee of Babcock and Wilcox named Matthew & Chobanian.

His letter has raised additional questions. The documents your office sent said Chobanian was exposed to plutonium during a "glovebox explosion" at the Parks Township facility of Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp. (NUMEC) in November 1966.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting access to any records related to accidents at NUMEC in which employees were exposed to ~~x~~ radioactive material. These documents would include, but not be limited to: 1) an investigation report on the Chobanian exposure dated Dec. 30, 1966 (2) a letter dated April 4, 1967 from E.L. Saenger to L. Dubinski with attached ~~x~~ report. (3) a letter dated June 5, 1967 from Saenger to Dubinski with a report from R. Wechsler.

Mr. Chobanian's letter of April 4, 1979 and the NRC inquiry report of R.H. Smith also referred to workers at the Apollo plant exposed to beryllium and being treated for ill effects. I request any documents on this situation.

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The documents your office sent mentioned ~~xxx~~ that highly enriched uranium was buried accidentally in the ground near a residential area. Chobanian said the AEC knew of this. I would like any records on this burial ground and on Chobanian's allegation that radioactive ~~xx~~ wastes were dumped by NUMEC into the nearby Kiskiminetas River.

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Finally, Chobanian's letter claimed a public restaurant was accidentally contaminated by plutonium. Are there any records of this?

If there are fees for searching and ~~xxx~~ copying documents in ~~xx~~ excess of \$25, please inform me before filling my request.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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