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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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Director
Office of Administration
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, and the Regulations at 10 C.F.R. §9 (Subpart A), the Critical Mass Energy Project hereby requests copies of, and otherwise access to, all records, reports, letters, memoranda, and other materials, pertaining to (1) the environmental release of radiation and radioactive materials by and (2) the occupational exposure to radiation and to radioactive materials of all personnel in and around, the U.S. Department of Energy's uranium-enrichment plant in Portsmouth, Ohio (hereinafter "the Plant"), for the period beginning January 1, 1970 (or prior thereto, as required below), to the present.

Included in this request, but not limited thereto, are the following:

(1) Environmental releases

(a) all unplanned releases of radiation and radioactive materials by the Plant since the start of its operations (include date, type and amount of radiation and radioactive materials, and description of the incidents);

(b) the monthly (or other periodic) amounts of radiation and radioactive materials released or disposed of by the Plant since January 1, 1970 into: the air; water; soil; and other environmental pathways, including plants and animals;

(c) information regarding your Agency's actions in response to levels of radiation and concentrations of radioactive materials in and around the Plant which exceeded applicable limits set by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(2) Occupational exposure of personnel

(a) the average quarterly and annual radiation doses to all personnel, individually and collectively, at the Plant since January 1, 1970;

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(b) all cases since January 1, 1970, in which radiation exposure to any individual at the Plant exceeded the quarterly and/or annual occupational dose limits set by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (include date, type and amount of radiation, and description of incidents);

(c) the highest radiation dose received by any individual at the Plant in each quarter and in each calendar year since January 1, 1970;

(d) all cases of exposure to Technetium since January 1, 1970, to the extent not covered in paragraph (b) above;

(e) information regarding your Agency's actions in response to levels of radiation exposure which exceeded applicable limits set by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and in response to any other health and safety violations at the Plant since the start of its operation (please include a description of relevant incidents).

The information requested in the above paragraphs should include both external exposure to personnel (from film badges, dosimeters, and other monitoring devices) and, to the extent possible, internal exposure through inhalation and ingestion.

Please explain briefly, if possible, the methods used by the operator of the Plant, Goodyear Atomic Corporation, in complying with all statutory reporting requirements relevant to this request, including the standardized laboratory procedures employed in measuring levels of radiation and concentrations of radioactive materials. Please state whether the Department of Energy has a quality assurance program to determine the accuracy of Goodyear's reports.

Nothing in this request should be interpreted as a request for the private records of any specific individual. Hence, no provisions of the Privacy Act should be deemed applicable.

Under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §9.14a, the Critical Mass Energy Project requests the waiver of all search and reproduction fees as being in the public interest because the information furnished will be used primarily to benefit the general public.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify us of the appeal procedures available to us under the law.

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We expect a substantive reply to this request within ten (10) working days, as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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