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Division of Rules and Records
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-80-266
rec'd 5-19-80

Re: An additional request to
80-A-12, 80-137

Dear Mr. Felton:

On March 13, 1980, the Sierra Club requested information concerning the proposed routes of the spent fuel shipments from Chalk River, Ontario to Aiken, South Carolina. On April 11, 1980, due to changes in the route because of permit restrictions to spent fuel shipments in the City of Geneva, the Sierra Club requested, in addition, the amended route, contained in an amended application by NL Industries, March 11. We have now learned that the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority has banned spent fuel shipments over the Ogdensburg Bridge (May 7, 1980), effective June 15. The route and application must be amended once more. We therefore request in advance and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C 552, the amended application, including route information, when this becomes available to you.

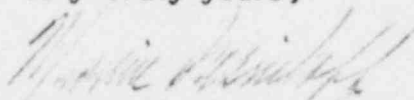
We continue to maintain that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not have the statutory basis for denying our request. Since the NRC has submitted to Congress (Feb. 21, 1979) legislation which would grant you this authority, a new section 147 to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, you have admitted as such. It is noteworthy to add that Congress, in its wisdom, has refused to grant the NRC such sweeping disclosure exemptions.

It is our understanding that you have ten working days from the date of availability of the requested information, to grant our request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

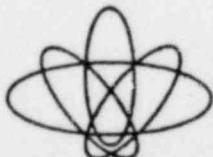
In the interests of health and safety, we thought it should be pointed out to the NMSS Division, that the Thousand Islands Bridge will also not allow spent fuel shipments, and that the Massena/Cornwall bridges are steep, with a 25° turn near the top. It should also be pointed out that the Int. 81 bridge over Hoxie Gorge, south of Cortland, has a 180 foot drop, though the shipping casks have only been tested for a 30 foot drop.

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