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Docket Nos.: STN 50-508 and STN 50-509

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Dear Mr. Renberger:

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM NUCLEAR PROJECTS NOS. 3

AND 5 - REQUEST OF GEOLOGIC INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF MOUNT

ST. HELENS

As a result of the recent Mount St. Helens unusual events, we are requesting additional geologic information affecting your Washington Public Power Supply System Nuclear Projects Nos. 3 and 5. The specific information required is listed in the Enclosure.

Please inform us of the date when this requested information will be available.

Please contact us if you desire any discussion or clarification of the information requested.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
NUCLEAR PROJECT NOS. 3 AND 5
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360.0 Geosciences Branch

- 361.1 Recent (1980) Mount St. Helens volcanism has resulted in three major ash falls (May 18, May 25, and June 1°) as well as several smaller intermediate emissions. Describe (if applicable), the effect (including ash thickness ranges) of each of the above larger events, as well as any smaller ash fall on the WPPSS 3 and 5 site.
- 361.2 Based upon information obtained directly by the Washington Public
 Power Supply System (WPPSS) or as reported by others, provide a
 map of the area within at least a 50 mile radius of the WPPSS 3 and 5
 units, showing the distribution and cumulative thickness of ashfall
 resulting from the recent Mount St. Helens volcanism. Provide (if
 applicable) separate maps depicting the ash distribution and thickness
 of the May 18, May 25, and June 12 events within the same 50 mile
 radius.
- 361.3 Describe the effect, including thickness, duration of fallout, and elapsed time between eruption and ashfall at the site of each of the main ash fall events (or any intermediate site-affected events) at the WPPSS 3 and 5 site.