

June 19, 1981

Docket No. 50-245/213
LS05-81-06-076



Mr. W. G. Council, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Council:

SUBJECT: WITHHOLDING FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REPORT NO. CBO-N-79-064
(HADDAM NECK AND MILLSTONE 1)

By letter dated April 5, 1979, you submitted Carborundum Company Test Program Report No. CBO-N-79-064, which supplements the information contained in CBO-N-78-299, transmitted to the NRC by your letter dated November 3, 1978. You requested that this report be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b). The withholding request is supported by an affidavit notarized April 2, 1979, by Mr. Robert G. Maum, Manager Nuclear Business Unit, The Carborundum Company. A nonproprietary version of the subject report was also transmitted.

The report contains documentation of the fourth test for the B₄C requalification program pertaining to the spent fuel racks at the Haddam Neck Plant and Millstone Station Unit 1.

Carborundum states in its affidavit that the information sought to be withheld is the results of their using one or more proprietary manufacturing techniques, descriptions of improvements in boron carbide containing articles and the descriptions of the effects of testing such boron carbide containing articles, which is owned and have been sold in confidence by Carborundum. The affidavit also contends that the information consists of data pertaining to the manufacture, composition, testing, use and sale of boron carbide containing nuclear shielding systems, the application of which provides a competitive economic advantage for Carborundum. Moreover, the affidavit indicated that the information is not available in public sources, and that the release of such information would cause Carborundum competitive harm.

We have reviewed the subject report based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and have determined that CBO-N-79-064 contains proprietary commercial information.

We also have found at this time that the right of the public to be fully apprised as to the bases for and effects of the proposed action does not outweigh the demonstrated concern for protection of Carborundum's competitive position. Accordingly, we have determined that the applicable information should be withheld from public disclosure.

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