



DS09
D. Grimsley
110

1626
10/11/90

③

October 29, 1990

55FR 41907
10/16/90

David L. Meyer, Chief
Regulatory Publications Branch
Division of Freedom of Information
and Publications Services
Office of Administration
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Meyer,

We are in receipt of an NRC proposal to publicly disclose the names and addresses of general licensees. We are categorically opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. As a manufacturer of nuclear devices distributed to general licensees, we are in one of the few industries required to send customer lists to the government. We refer, of course, to the quarterly reports.
2. Since the list of general licensees is enormous we see no value to anyone for the entire list. Therefore, it is inevitable that requests will be made for categories of licensees and that puts us and our nuclear competitors in the unique position of having the government require us to make our customer lists, one of the most closely guarded documents in any business, available to our non-nuclear competitors who have no reciprocal requirement.
3. Attempts have been made in the past by anti nuclear groups to obtain our customer lists via Freedom of Information inquiries for the admitted purpose of harassing us because of our positions on other nuclear matters. Just the fact that it is now easy to extract such information is no justification to distribute it.

9011150203 901029
PDR PR
MISC 55FR41907 PDR



4. We believe the role of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to license, inspect and otherwise regulate the use of nuclear materials for the purpose of protecting the public. We fail to see how publishing the names and addresses of our customers furthers that role.

We have no categorical objection to the publication of statistical abstracts resulting from quarterly reports, even though they may cover only our industry. We strenuously object to revealing our industry's customer lists to anyone who asks.

Very truly yours,

THE OHMART CORPORATION

Paul E. Sieck
VP Manufacturing
Radiation Safety Officer

c; Jim Cartwright
Tom Dewey

PES/dlg

