

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket License 70-1257 SNM-1227

Mr. L. J. Maas, Manager Regulatory Compliance Siemens Power Corporation 2101 Horn Rapids Road Richland, Washington 99352-0130

Dear Mr. Maas:

SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

This is in response to your letter and affidavit dated January 7 and 10, 1994, respectively, requesting that EMF-1557(P), "Waste Management Engineering Plan," and P66,820 Revision 5, "Process Startup and Shutdown - Line 1," be withheld from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.790(a)(4) of the Commission's regulations. In the affidavit, you state that the subject engineering plan and operating procedure should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

- The information in the documents has been held in confidence by Siemens Power Corporation (SPC) pursuant to its internal policies.
- 2. The documents contain the type of information that is normally held in confidence by SPC in order to protect it as a valuable trade secret which gives a competitive advantage to SPC and which information, if given to a competitor, would be valuable to such competitors, without their having to expend any funds and in allowing them to know what processes SPC is contemplating.
- The documents are presented to the NRC in confidence.
- The documents are not available from public sources.
- 5. Public disclosure of the information contained in the documents would cause harm to SPC by allowing competitors free access to information which SPC developed at its own time and expense, which information would not be easily acquired by another company and would give competitors free access to information on SPC's manufacturing processes.

On the basis of your submittal and our review of the above listed documents, and in light of the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, we have determined that the documents should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the document as provided for in  $10 \, \text{CFR} \, 2.790(b)(6)$ .

If, at any time in the future, the basis provided in your submittal for withholding information from public disclosure should change such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, SPC should promptly notify the NRC. SPC should also be aware that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, such as if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, SPC will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Because the Waste Management Engineering Plan addresses a subject that is of interest to the public, you are requested to provide a non-proprietary version of the Plan, which describes the current condition of Waste Management at the Richland Plant and your future plans in general terms. This non-proprietary version will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. It should be provided to the NRC within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mary Adams of my staff on (301) 504-2505.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Burnett, Director Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS

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