

# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

Institute for Policy Studies  
1901 Que Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

(202) 234-9382

Mr. J.M. Felton, Director  
Division of Rules and Records  
Office of Administration  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-83-649

Rec'd 11-9-83

November 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Felton:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Government Accountability Project (GAP) of the Institute for Policy Studies requests copies of any and all agency records, reports, information, including, but not limited to, notes, letters, memoranda, drafts, minutes, diaries, logs, calendars, tapes, transcripts, summaries, interview reports, procedures, instructions, engineering analyses, drawings, files, graphs, charts, photographs, maps, agreements, handwritten notes, studies, data sheets, notebooks, telephone messages, computations, voice recordings, and/or final reports, and any and all other records relevant to and/or generated in connection with an investigation by the NRC of an industrial accident involving a burst steam pipe at VEPCO's Nuclear Power Plant. The accident killed control room operator Wayne C. Jones on October 15, 1983.

This request includes agency records as defined in 10 CFR § 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, whether they currently exist in NRC official, "working", investigative, or other files or at any other location, including private residences.

If any records as defined in 10 CFR § 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, and covered by this request have been destroyed and/or removed, and/or are destroyed and removed after receipt of this request, please provide all surrounding records, including but not limited to a list of all records which have been or are destroyed and/or removed, a description of the action(s) taken, relevant date(s), individual, office and/or agency-wide policies and/or justification(s) for the action(s), identification of all personnel involved with the action(s), and any and all records relevant to, generated in connection with, and/or issued in order to implement the action(s).

GAP requests that fees be waived, because "finding the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). The Government Accountability Project is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest organization concerned with honest and open government. Through legal representation, advice, national conferences, films, publications, and public outreach, the Project promotes whistleblowers as agents of government accountability. Through its Citizen's Clinic, GAP offers assistance to local public interest and citizen's groups seeking to ensure the health and safety of their communities.

8402090136 831104  
PDR FOIA  
GARDEB3-649 PDR

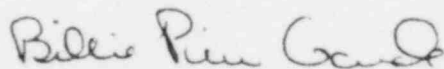
page two

We are requesting the above information as part of an ongoing monitoring project on the adequacy of NRC's efforts to protect public safety and health at nuclear power plants.

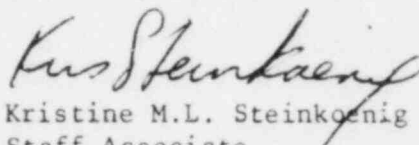
If you deny this request due to a specific exemption under FOIA, please provide a description of the withheld document including a detailed justification for the grounds of your denial. This explanation should cover why such exemption is relevant to the document, or portion thereof, withheld.

We look forward to your response to this request within ten days.

Yours truly,



Billie Pirner Garde  
Director, Citizen's Clinic



Kristine M.L. Steinkoenig  
Staff Associate