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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-84-220 and
FOIA-84-221

Dear Mr. Sholly:

This is in further response to your letters dated March 29, 1984, in which you requested documents relating to GESSAR-II. The proprietary review of the document listed below has been completed:

March 20, 1984 - "GE-NRC Meeting GESSAR Since Term Analysis."

This document is being withheld in its entirety as release of the information could cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the General Electric Company in that GE maintains:

1. The GESSAR-II PRA is the only Level 3 PRA which has been performed by a NSSS vendor at its own cost. All other Level 3 PRA's of which GE is aware have been funded by government agencies or utilities. The GESSAR-II PRA and associated submittals and presentation information, as referred to above, were produced using solely GE resources. Considerable additional GE resources have been expended in supporting the NRC review of the PRA. It is GE's intent to utilize the information and analysis provided as a major portion of plant specific for BWR/6 plants which are currently operating, under construction, and for future plant sales. Total resources expended by GE in performing the PRA, preparing the required submittals, and supporting the PRA review including presentations to the NRC, exceed millions of dollars.
2. The performance of probabilistic risk assessment is a highly competitive market. Accordingly, public disclosure of this information would permit competitors or potential customers to utilize this information at no cost and would

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thereby deprive GE of the opportunity not only to seek reimbursement of its expenditures but also of an economic competitive advantage by allowing competitors to copy the design at little or no cost.

The NRC has reviewed General Electric's proprietary claim and agrees that the information is proprietary.

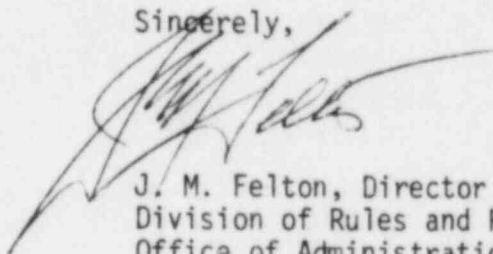
This document is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Exemption (4) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)) and does not contain any reasonably segregable factual portions.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.9 of the Commission's regulations, it has been determined that the information is exempt from production or disclosure, and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The persons responsible for this denial are the undersigned and Mr. Harold Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The denial may be appealed to the Commission's Executive Director for Operations within 30 days from receipt of this letter. As provided in 10 CFR 9.11, any such appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision."

This completes NRC's action on your request.

Sincerely,



J. M. Felton, Director
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29 March 1984

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Rec'd 4-2-84

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request for Documents
Concerning the NRC Staff's Safety Evaluation Report on
the GESSAR-II Severe Accident Evaluation [Sholly FOIA
84-13]

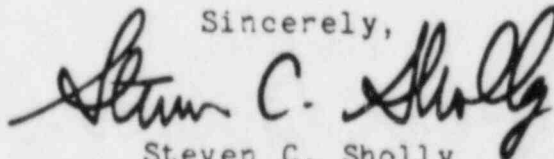
Dear Mr. Felton:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please make
available at the Commission's Washington, D.C., Public Document
Room copies of documents in the following categories:

1. Documents providing the most up-to-date schedule for the
production of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report
(SER) on the GESSAR-II severe accident evaluation.
2. Documents providing the most up-to-date outline for the
NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) on the
GESSAR-II severe accident evaluation.
3. Drafts of any portion of the NRC staff's Safety
Evaluation Report (SER) on the GESSAR-II severe accident
evaluation.
4. Documents discussing design changes to GESSAR-II
suggested by any member(s) of the NRC staff (including
evaluations of any such design changes).

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this
request, please contact me at (202) 296-5600. Your cooperation in
responding to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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