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## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

Ms. Michelle Adato Research Associate Union of Concerned Scientists 1346 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 1101 Washington, DC 20036 SEP 18 1984

IN RESPONSE REFER

Dear Ms. Adato:

This is in further response to your letter dated August 16, 1984, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the following:

- The assessment prepared by the Director, NRR, of the integrated program developed to outline the NTOL workload over the next year which was referred to in a memorandum from the EDO to Chairman Palladino, dated 6/25/84.
- All documents pertaining to the potential impact of the NTOL workload on other program elements, including but not limited to operating reactors.
- All documents reviewing and/or commenting on the assessment referred to in (1) above.
- 4. The memo from the EDO to Chairman Palladino concerning calls related to Waterford and Comanche Peak since page 1 could not be located in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

The document listed below is in response to category four of your request. This memorandum is being placed in PDR file folder FOIA-84-688.

June 25, 1984 - Memorandum for Chairman Palladino from William J. Dircks, subject: "Comments on Operations at Waterford, Comanche Peak and All Operating Plants".

As indicated to you in a telephone conversation with Nina Toms, the staff is continuing to search for additional documents responsive to your request. You will be notified at the completion of our search and review of additional subject documents.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman Palladino

FROM:

William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

COMMENTS ON OPERATIONS AT WATERFORD, COMANCHE PEAK AND ALL OPERATING PLANTS

Your note to Commissioner Gilinsky requested my comments on whether the allocation of additional resources to NTOL's has affected safety at operating plants, as well as to Commissioner Gilinsky's statement that senior staff has been subjected to strong pressure from Congress to get Waterford licensed.

With respect to pressure on the senior staff to get Waterford licensed, I have been unable to identify any instances of such contact from Congress.

Regarding the allocation of additional staff resources to Waterford and Comanche Peak, I share the concern that this allocation, and the effort on other NTOLs, has the potential for adversely impacting our operating reactor program responsibilities. I am confident that the effort we have devoted to Waterford and Comanche Peak has not reduced our attention to operating reactors, including Fort St. Vrain, to an unacceptable level. However, I have noted a general increase over the past year in staff resources to NTOL reviews (and inspection effort), and a related decrease in our allocation of effort to operating reactors. This situation which was discussed at the Commission's mid-year program review on June 6, 1984, and the NTOL Status briefing of June 15, 1984, is being closely monitored by Office Directors and Regional Administrators.

As I reported to you in my June 1, 1984 memorandum (copy enclosed), in order to ensure that we continue to meet our responsibilities to avoid unnecessary delays in licensing of new plants and to ensure the continued safe operation of operating reactors, I have requested the Director, NRR, to provide a detailed assessment of our integrated program developed to outline our NTOL workload over the next year. This assessment will include an evaluation of the potential impact on other program elements, including operating reactors. I anticipate completion of this assessment before the end of June. If the result of this assessment indicates a need to significantly revise our agency resource allocations, I would plan to bring the issue to the Commission's attention.

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concerning Waterford and two concerning Comanche Peak. These calls were for the purpose of obtaining information and status only and were not viewed in any way as pressure to license.

William J. Dircks Executive Director for Operations

cc: Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Asselstine Commissioner Bernthal Commissioner Gilinsky

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The issues raised by Commissioner Gilinsky regarding the Fort St. Vrain reactor will be addressed separately.

(Signed) William J. Diroks

William J. Dircks Executive Director for Operation

Enclosure: As stated

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August 16, 1984

Mr. J. M. Felton, Director Office of Administration Division of Rules and Records U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20036

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Felton:

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please make available at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, Washington, D.C., a copy of the following documents:

- 1. The assessment prepared by the Director, NRR, of the integrated program developed to outline the NTOL workload over the next year. The enclosed memo from the EDO to Chairman Palladino, dated 6/25/84, states that "I have requested the Director, NRR, to provide a detailed assessment of our integrated program developed to outline our NTOL workload over the next year. This assessment will include an evaluation of the potential impact on other program elements, including operating reactors. I anticipate completion of this assessment before the end of June."
- All documents pertaining to the potential impact of the NTOL workload on other program elements, including but not limited to operating reactors.
- 3. All documents reviewing and/or commenting on the assessment referred to in (1) above.
- 4. The memo from the EDO to Chairman Palladino concerning calls related to Waterford and Comanche Peak. Page 2 of this memo is enclosed. Page 1 could not be located in the Commission's Public Document Room.

Should there be any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at UCS's Washington, D.C. office at 296-5600. Your cooperation in responding to this request within ten working days is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michelle Adato Research Associate

Enclosures (2)

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