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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Director
Office of Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Government Accountability Project ("GAP") requests copies of any and all agency records and 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, maps, photographs, agreements, handwritten notes, studies, data sheets, notebooks, books, telephone messages, computations, voice recordings, computer runoffs, any other data compilations, interim and/or final reports, status reports, and any and all other records relevant to and/or generated in connection with all information connected with the Part 21 notification by Ruskin Manufacturing Corporation about any failure of three models of Ruskin dampers, including all information provided to either Ruskin Manufacturing Corporation or the Zack Corporation from the NRC about allegations of problems with the Ruskin dampers.

This request includes all agency records as defined in 10 C.F.R. § 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, Appendix 0211, Parts 1.A.2 and A.3 (approved October 8, 1980) whether they currently exist in the NRC official, "working," investigative or other files, or at any other location, including private residences.

If any records as defined in 10 C.F.R. § 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, *supra*, and covered by this request have been destroyed and/or removed after 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 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). GAP is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest organization concerned with honest and open government. Through public outreach, the Project promotes whistleblowers as agents of government accountability. Through its Citizens Clinic, GAP offers assistance to local public interest and citizens groups seeking to ensure the health and safety of their communities. The Citizens Clinic is currently assisting several citizens groups, local governments and intervenors in the central Texas area concerning the construction of the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant.

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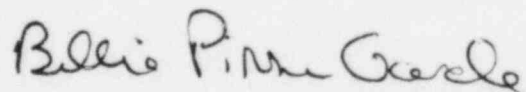
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We are requesting the above information as part of an ongoing monitoring project on the adequacy of the NRC's efforts to protect public safety and health at nuclear power plants.

For any documents or portions that you deny due to a specific FOIA exemption, please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should provide a detailed justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of the document withheld. This index is required under Vaughn v. Rosen (I), 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

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

Yours truly,



Billie Pirner Garde
Citizens Clinic Director

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ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY



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January 4, 1985

Docket No. 50-461

Mr. James G. Keppler
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Potentially 10CFR50.55(e) Deficiency 55-84-23:
Ruskin Interlocking Blade Fire Dampers

Dear Mr. Keppler:

On December 3, 1984, Illinois Power Company notified Mr. F. Jablonski, NRC Region III, (Ref: IP memorandum Y-25989, dated August 28, 1984) of a potentially reportable deficiency concerning the failure of certain models of Ruskin Fire Dampers to close under installed air flow conditions. Our investigation of this issue is progressing and this letter is submitted as an interim report in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e). Attachment A provides the details of our investigation to date.

We trust that this interim report provides you sufficient background information to perform a general assessment of this potentially reportable deficiency and adequately describes our overall approach to resolve the issue.

Sincerely yours,

D. P. Hall,
Vice President

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A
Illinois Power Company
Clinton Power Station

Docket No. 50-461

Potentially Reportable 10CFR50.55(e) Deficiency 55-84-23
Ruskin Interlocking Blade Fire Dampers

Interim Report

Statement of Potentially Reportable Deficiency/Background

On November 6, 1984, Ruskin, Division of Philips Industries, Inc. notified the NRC of a reportable 10CFR21 condition involving Ruskin Interlocking Blade Fire Damper, Model numbers IBD-21, 23, & NIBD-23 supplied with closure springs. Ruskin has determined that their test methods utilized for closure under air flow may not accurately depict actual field installed conditions. Ruskin recommends that fire dampers supplied to CPS, with closure springs, which require closure under air flow conditions, be tested to verify proper operation.

Investigation Results

Illinois Power has prepared and is implementing an investigation plan to determine the extent of this problem at the Clinton Power Station (CPS). A review will be performed to:

1. Determine the applicable damper model numbers utilized in safety related systems, and to identify those units by equipment identification number and system.
2. Identify the system configuration, air flow condition, rating of fire dampers, and performance characteristics.
3. Identify required damper closure conditions and associated control logic of the HVAC systems.
4. Determine field testing requirements for verification of proper damper operation.
5. Evaluate the recommended design modification, when issued by Ruskin.

Similar Concerns

An investigation will be performed to determine the impact of similar problems, associated with non-safety applications, on safety-related areas.

Attachment A
(continued)

Root Cause

The root cause of the identified deficiency will be determined and evaluated by the manufacturer, Ruskin.

Corrective Action

Corrective actions required to remedy the problem and any necessary equipment modification will be determined after Ruskin's investigation is completed for the 10CFR21 report. Ruskin expects to complete their tests by January 30, 1985 and provide recommendations for modification by February 15, 1985.

Safety Implications/Significance

Illinois Power's investigation of this potentially reportable deficiency is continuing. The safety implications and significance will be assessed after all background information is evaluated. It is anticipated that approximately ninety (90) days will be necessary to complete our investigation, determine reportability and submit a final report on the issue.