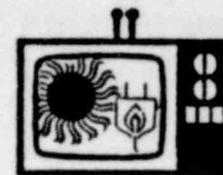


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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, as amended, the Coalition for Responsible Energy Education (CREE) hereby requests the following documents pertaining to the Combustion Engineering Auxiliary Pressurizer Spray System (APSS) at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) and other plants, and to specified meetings of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), which addressed matters related to the PVNGS APSS, as well as those addressing recommended Systems Interaction Studies at PVNGS.

Please consider "documents" to include reports, studies, test results, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notes, meeting minutes, working papers, graphs, charts, diagrams, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, computer records, or any other forms of written communication, including internal NRC Staff memoranda. The documents are specifically requested from, but not limited to, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR); the Division of Licensing; the Office of the Executive Legal Director (OELD); and the Division of Reactor Safety and Projects.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to:

1. The November and December, 1985, meetings of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), and any subsequent meetings, dealing with PVNGS Unit 1/Arizona Nuclear Power Project (ANPP) performance and/or PVNGS-2 licensing issues;
2. Any and all ACRS or other discussion of or references to the advisability of conducting, at PVNGS, a Systems Interaction and Reliability Study or similar studies, preoperationally or otherwise, as referenced in the attached newspaper report ("Attachment A"); and
3. Any and all discussion of APSS difficulties related to the September 12, 1985, event at PVNGS, as well as other plants utilizing the same system.

These requests, where appropriate, should be deemed to be continuing in nature.

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In our opinion, it is appropriate in this case for you to waive copying and search charges, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (a)(4)(A) "because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." CREE is a non-profit, volunteer-supported organization providing information to the general public and intervening in rate cases and other proceedings involving PVNGS which affect the general public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Myron L. Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MYRON L. SCOTT
Intervention Coordinator

cc: file

Nod given for system at A-plant

But panel is critical of safety 'patchwork'

By JOHN STAGGS 11-10-85
Arizona Republic Staff B-1

WASHINGTON — A government panel decided Saturday to recommend that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission grant interim approval to what it called a "patchwork" safety system at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

"We suggest that they carry out a systems-interaction and reliability study," said Jesse Ebersole, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's advisory committee on reactor safeguards.

"If they had done that (in 1981), the problems may have been discovered," he said, referring to faults that led to redesigning a pressurized auxiliary-spray system, which would be used only in a major emergency.

The panel urged the study in 1981, but it was not done.

The full committee met Saturday to discuss exactly what its letter to the NRC should contain. The committee decided to delay the issue and will discuss it at the next regular meeting in December.

Greg Cook, an NRC spokesman, said last week that a "tremendously negative" report from the advisory committee, which is made up of technical experts, can influence the NRC regarding a commercial license for Unit 1.

Faults in the auxiliary-spray system, which is used to help cool the reactor, were discovered during

A-plant

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In response to the problems with the spray system, Palo Verde officials said they would visually inspect water levels daily instead of weekly. In addition, operators will be able to control the valves on the secondary tank without leaving the control room.

Charles Wylie, a committee member, said resignedly, "Now they tell us the two valves are on

the same electrical circuit. If the circuit fails, they say the operator has time to go and close the valves.

The 15 members of the panel are appointed by the NRC to four-year terms. The committee's function is to provide an outside source of technical expertise to the NRC.

The panel's decisions are non-binding but generally followed.

- ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Nov. 10, 1985