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Carol Ann Reed FOIA/Privacy Act Officer U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop T-6 D8 Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Via Certified Mail

Dear Ms. Reed:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting copies of any and all documents or information in the possession, custody, or control of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) or its contractors that have been collected, received, created, and/or maintained regarding the research and production facility located in Hicksville, New York, owned and operated at various times by Sylvania Corning Nuclear Corporation, Sylvania Electric Products Incorporated, and others. It is our understanding that documents exist beginning in 1948 through to the present.

To aid you in your review and search for responsive documents, we have identified the following docket and license numbers which were related to the Hicksville facility:

- Docket number 70-97 (except for docket materials held at the NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, MD, which we have already obtained)
- Docket number 70-107
- Docket number 40-682
- Special Nuclear Materials License 82 (SNM-82)

While we are interested in anything you find using this information, our research was unable to determine if these were the only docket and license numbers specific to the Hicksville facility.

We therefore request that this FOIA request not be limited to documents reflecting site activities under the docket and license numbers listed above. If you or your office discover any other docket or license files in regard to this site, we would be interested in reviewing them as well.

Our research has also revealed that during the 1950s and 1960s, this facility came under the oversight of the Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Compliance and Division of Materials and Licensing. These division files may contain records or documents related to the facility in which we are interested.

I also request copies of any and all FOIA requests (other than NRC FOIA Request 01-257) submitted to your agency that requested similar documents or information pertaining to this facility.

To the extent that any relevant documents are classified, I request that you declassify and/or sanitize the documents for my review. If there are classified documents that you will not declassify and/or sanitize, I request that you identify any and all such documents by listing date, author, recipient(s), and unclassified subject matter. I would also appreciate receiving any materials you can release as soon as possible, rather than waiting for all of the responsive documents to clear your review process.

History Associates Incorporated agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$100.00. If the fees will exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the costs so that I can specifically request authorization for expenditures beyond \$100.00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-279-9697 or e-mail me at jtaylor@historyassociates.com.

Sincerely.

John Taylor Historian

JT/gm