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General Comment

Per SECY-04-0191 dated October 19, 2004 (ML042310663), the NRC has been withholding documents about fire protection submitted to the agency by nuclear plant owners. The withheld document include licensee event reports about fire protection problems (i.e., defective equipment and inadequate compensatory measures). The withheld documents also include requests by plant owners to revise regulatory requirements (i.e. license amendment requests and exemptions) applicable to fire protection at their facilities. By withholding these documents over the past decade, the NRC has deprived the public of information it needs to faithfully review this specific matter and independently agree or disagree with the request. The NRC should not approve this, or other, fire protection licensing requests until it provides the public with the information it needs to participate in a meaningful way. Depriving the public access to this information infringes on the public's rights. And SECY-04-0191 explicitly states that it is unlikely that the withheld fire protection records will contain any sensitive information. Thus, there's no legitimate or legal reason for the NRC to withhold this information from the public. The NRC must not approve this licensing request until this sad situation is rectified.

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