May 29, 1996

Director
Office Of Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject:

IA 96-022

Demand For Information

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your Demand For Information (DFI) dated May 2,1996. The DFI sought a response to four specific questions plus any additional information that I wish the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to consider in this matter.

I have answered the questions in the order in which they have been posed and have annexed a Swom Affidavit.

Very Truly Yours

Paul Thompson

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Assistant General Council for Hearings and Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555 Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region 1, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL THOMPSON

Paul Thompson, being duly swom, deposes and says:

- A. I am not currently employed by an NRC licensed nuclear power facility.
- B. I admit that I instructed a person to sign into a radiologically controlled area under a different name and use a different person's dosimetry. This was done to expedite access to the area with the escorted visitor.
- C. In order to demonstrate that the NRC should have confidence that I will comply with required licensee procedures if employed in a NRC regulated activity in the future, I request that the following be taken into consideration:
 - 1. Upon being asked, by New York Power Authority (NYPA) about inconsistencies in the Radiologically Controlled Area (RCA) log I immediately told the NYPA supervisors what I had done, how I had done it, and why I had done this. The information was provided again to NYPA security personnel and again to the NRC investigator who was assigned to the case. At no time was there any attempt to cover up or to distort the facts in any way. I believe that all parties involved in the investigation will confirm this fact.
 - In the many years that I have been employed in the industry, this action is the only blemish on my work record. I believe this helps demonstrate that this incident is the result of an isolated error in judgement rather than a general disregard for licensee procedures.
- D. As a result of my actions I was denied access to the James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant (and therefor all nuclear power plants) for a period of one year. This disciplinary action did result in hardship and difficulty for my employer and myself. I did make a serious error in judgement, I have admitted it fully and have been disciplined for this action.

In closing, I would like to say how sorry I am for the inconvenience and distress I have caused the New York Power Authority, the NRC and my employer. I deeply regret my actions. I understand the seriousness of this matter and assure you that there will be no reoccurrence.

Should you require any clarification of my statements or any additional information to assist your review of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paul Thompson

Sworn to before me this 294 day of May, 1996

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Qualified in QUEENS COUNTY
My Commission Expires JAN 31, 19_8

Mr. Paul Thompson

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