

**Carolyn DesJardins Papers**

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**Accession Number:** UP002530

**Creator:** Carolyn DesJardins

**Acquisition:** The Carolyn DesJardins Papers were donated by Carolyn DesJardins on June 16, 2014.

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**Related Material:** Labor Committee for Safe Energy and Full Employment Records, Thomas W. Stephens Papers, and Urban Environment Conference (UEC) Records.

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**Abstract**

In June 1982 Carolyn DesJardins (formerly Carolyn Larry) began working as a security officer at Detroit Edison's Fermi 2 nuclear power plant located in Newport, Michigan. DesJardins later moved into a staff position where she was responsible for safeguarding security information about the plant's operation, construction, and equipment. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission enforces rules about the accessibility of the information that DesJardins was protecting. During DesJardin's tenure, the Fermi 2 Director of Security sent information through the computer system outside of the plant, which was in opposition to the Commission's rules. Desjardins informed the director of this error, and after continued infringements, DesJardins alerted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, thus becoming a whistleblower. This resulted in her demotion to her previous position of security officer. In response, DesJardins sued to return to her former position. While she won her lawsuit, DesJardins never returned to her position. Instead DesJardins worked as a nuclear security investigator, conducting background checks and investigations.

The Carolyn DesJardins Papers document DesJardin's whistleblower lawsuit and include correspondence, primarily from Detroit Edison and DesJardin's lawyer, and materials related to the lawsuit, including a transcript of the trial.

**Important Subjects:**

Energy, power, and environment

Nuclear power plants – Environmental aspects—Michigan, Southeastern United States. Dept. of Labor

Work environment

**Important Names:**

DesJardins, Carolyn

**Arrangement**

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
1	1	Correspondence, Detroit Edison, 1984-1988
	2	Correspondence, Law Offices of Samuel V. Thomas, P.C., 1986
	3	Correspondence, Law Offices of Thomas, Taylor & Houson, P.C., 1987
	4	Correspondence, Government Accountability Project, 1987
	5	Correspondence, Law Offices of Stark and Gordon, 1987
	6	Correspondence, Law Offices of Stark and Gordon, 1988 (1 of 3)
	7	Correspondence, Law Offices of Stark and Gordon, 1988 (2 of 3)
	8	Correspondence, Law Offices of Stark and Gordon, 1988 (3 of 3)
	9	Correspondence, Personal, 1986-1988
	10	Correspondence, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	11	Court Case Background Documents, 1984-1986 (1 of 2)
	12	Court Case Background Documents, 1984-1986 (2 of 2)
	13	U.S. Department of Labor
	14	Detroit Edison's Exceptions to the ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order, 1985 November 5
	15	Court Transcript, 1986 (1 of 5)
	16	Court Transcript, 1986 (2 of 5)
	17	Court Transcript, 1986 (3 of 5)
	18	Court Transcript, 1986 (4 of 5)
	19	Court Transcript, 1986 (5 of 5)
	20	Response to Appeal, 1987 June 25
	21	Detroit Edison Reply Brief, 1987 July 13
	22	Notice of Hearing, Edison's Motion for Partial Summary Disposition, 1988 April 15
	23	Plaintiff's Supplemental Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Change in Venues, 1988 April 19
	24	Notice of Hearing, 1988 September 2
	25	Clippings