

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) / PRIVACY  
ACT (PA) REQUEST

2004-0047

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RESPONSE  
TYPE ☒ FINAL ☐ PARTIAL

REQUESTER

Megan Wells-Paske

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## PART I. - INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☐ No additional agency records subject to the request have been located.
- ☐ Requested records are available through another public distribution program. See Comments section.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** ☐ Agency records subject to the request that are identified in the listed appendices are already available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** ☐ Agency records subject to the request that are identified in the listed appendices are being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ Enclosed is information on how you may obtain access to and the charges for copying records located at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** ☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (see comments section) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☐ See Comments.

## PART I.A - FEES

AMOUNT \*  
\$\* See comments  
for details

- ☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount listed. ☒ None. Minimum fee threshold not met.
- ☐ You will receive a refund for the amount listed. ☐ Fees waived.

## PART I.B - INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☒ No agency records subject to the request have been located.
- ☐ Certain information in the requested records is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to the exemptions described in and for the reasons stated in Part II.
- ☒ This determination may be appealed within 30 days by writing to the FOIA/PA Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "FOIA/PA Appeal."

## PART I.C COMMENTS (Use attached Comments continuation page if required)

Although the NRC did not locate any records relevant to your request, NRC staff has indicated that you may wish to write to the State of Illinois since that state participates in the NRC's Agreement State Program. A contact name and address follow:

Gary N. Wright, Director  
Division of Nuclear Safety  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
1035 Outer Park Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
PH 217-785-9868 FX 217-524-4724  
INET: wright@icema.state.il.us

During the search for relevant records to your request, staff did identify an abstract of a 5/26/1994 "Morning Report from an Agreement State" which identified an incident occurring on 03/12/1994 at a smelting facility in Illinois. I have attached a sheet giving the information contained in the abstract in the hope that it may assist you if you decide to make inquiry with the Agreement State contact listed above.

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

Carol Ann Reed

**FOIA/PA-2004-0047**

**NMED Item Number: 940744**

**Event Date: 03/12/1994**

**ABSTRACT:** The Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (IDNS) notified Region III, of contamination at a smelting facility. Personnel at the facility identified baghouse dust contaminated with Cs-137 and reported the situation to IDNS. IDNS performed an onsite investigation on April 13, 1994. A sample of the baghouse dust was analyzed to contain 1383 picocuries/gram of Cs-137. Area surveys of the baghouse area by IDNS inspectors identified radiation levels of about 40 micror/hr. 2700 pounds of dust is potentially contaminated with Cs-137. The facility has a radiation detector for monitoring scrap metal brought into the plant, however, the source of Cs-137 was not detected by the monitor so it is assumed that it was a small source and/or was well shielded when received. A consultant is to be hired to do a facility survey and decontamination. The facility offered to provide employees whole body counts at Argonne National Laboratory.