

FOIA Resource

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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of FOIA request logs for fiscal years 2000-2004 and 2009-2010. In addition, I request access to and copies of the logs or lists of fee-waiver requests the NRC received in fiscal years 2000-2010.

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, if possible.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I am a professor of economics, political science and public policy at Duke University, and I am collecting this information as part of research for a scholarly book on government transparency and investigative reporting. I am using FOIA log and fee-waiver request logs from various federal government bodies to compile data about the change in accountability news reporting over a 10-year period. No quantitative study of this kind yet exists. This book will contribute to understanding of government and the role of the public information in a democracy. The book is designed to influence public policy discussions, which affect the general public at large. The book will be available for purchase or free via libraries. I have no commercial or private interest in the records sought.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a scholar and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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