

FOIA/PA REQUEST

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Freedom of Information/Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-001
Phone: (301) 415-7000
Email: FOIA.resource@nrc.gov

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

SENT VIA E-MAIL ATTACHMENT – CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby submit this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request pursuant to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. §552(a). I request written confirmation (preferably by e-mail) of the receipt of this request. This FOIA request is submitted pursuant to the instructions for making FOIA requests as set forth on the USNRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html>.

I hereby request a copy of all agency records, limited to those materials created or obtained by the NRC after December 31, 2012, related to any communications between NRC staff and any of the following companies and individuals regarding the uranium-concentrating process of ablation:

1. Ablation Technologies LLC
2. Black Range Minerals Limited
3. Mineral Ablation LLC
4. Azarga Resources Ltd.
5. Mike Haynes
6. George Glasier
7. Alex Molyneux
8. James Coates
9. Eric Coates

For the purpose of this request, the term "records" also includes, but is not limited to: letters, correspondences, memoranda, applications, faxes and facsimiles, notes, telephone messages, transcripts, declarations, and all other written, printed, or typed documents – as well as electronic records such as e-mail messages, attachments to emails, and computer files.

Please provide all responsive records in electronic format if possible, preferably on CD-ROM.

If you determine that portions of any records covered by this request are exempt from disclosure, please separate the exempt portions of documents from the nonexempt portions and provide me with copies of the nonexempt portions. For any records that you determine to be exempt from release, please provide me with a specific description of the record or portion of the record along with a particularized description of the legal basis for withholding it.

I am the founder and webmaster of the website powertechexposed.com. Powertechexposed.com is a website with the mission of educating the public about the potential environmental and public health risks from uranium mining, recovery, and milling, with a specific focus on Powertech Uranium Corp.'s proposed Centennial project in Colorado and Dewey-Burdock project in South Dakota. Through education and the dissemination of information, I seek to help residents protect their health and the quality of their water, air, and other environmental resources.

Release of the records described in this request will primarily benefit the public and contribute to the understanding of the NRC's policies and activities concerning regulation of the unconventional uranium processing activity of ablation. Through publication via the aforementioned website, I intend to make the information obtained from this request available to potentially-affected residents, local officials, and the general public.

Release of the information will help empower members of the public to engage in public advocacy efforts to protect and conserve the resources of Colorado and South Dakota. I do not seek these documents for commercial use.

Accordingly, I request that you grant a waiver of fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 522 (a)(4)(A). I expect that such a waiver will be granted. However, if a waiver is not granted, please inform me of the cost of disclosing the above described records if such fees exceed \$25.00.

I look forward to your response within 20 business days as required by the FOIA. If I do not receive a response within 20 business days, I will deem this request denied. If you have any questions regarding the scope of this request, or any concerns, please feel free to contact me at (b)(6) or via email at (b)(6). Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James B. Woodward

Mailing address and daytime phone number:

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