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FOIA REQUEST

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Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 4/28/2011. The process for completing your request will now begin. Here is a review of your request.

I am willing to pay \$250 for my request.

I am a representative of the news media affiliated with Bloomberg News and this request is made as part of a news gathering effort and not for commercial use.

The time period of my request is from 4/1/1999 to the present.

The records I request can be described as follows:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552 et seq ("FOIA"), I hereby request immediate access to, or in the alternative, copies of documents generated from the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) review meetings held in Vienna on April 4-10, 2011, April 14-25, 2008, April 11-22, 2005, April 15-26, 2002 and April 12-23, 1999.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. State Department and Members of the U.S. Delegation participate in the Convention on Nuclear Safety's triennial meeting hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna (a list of participants at the most recent meeting has been faxed and posted).

The specific information we request includes:

1. On April 5-7, 2011 the U.S. delegation met with country group "1," an 11-member cohort that discussed nuclear safety practices and concerns (list of countries is attached).

- We request the "summary document" prepared by the group and distributed April 13.

- We request notes prepared by the U.S. delegation during and after the country-group briefing.

- We request specific questions asked by the U.S., which redacted in line with Article 27 of the convention, pledges "confidentiality" of personal data, intellectual property, commercial confidentiality and national security.

- We are specifically interested in questions posed and answered pertaining to cross-ownership and storage of design information, reactor site location, spent fuel storage location, back-up power redundancy, plant-life management, worker training and regulatory transparency.

2. On April 9, 12-13, 2011 the U.S. participated in three full-day plenary sessions attended by all 72 signatories to the CNS. The meetings reviewed "summary documents" of all six country groups that met April 5-7, 2011.

- We request copies of the "summary documents" as well as copies of any power point presentations or other visual aids given to individuals attending the plenary.

3. We request notes and subsequent reports prepared by the U.S. delegation about the proceedings of the Convention on Nuclear Safety meetings during the specified dates.

My additional comments are as follows: We are requesting expedited treatment in the wake of Japan's Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear accident, which continues to leak radiation into the Earth's atmosphere. There are more than 60 nuclear reactors worldwide under construction with safety design features developed prior to the Fukushima accident.

To further expedite our request, we ask that you share information as it becomes available beginning with records from the most recent CNS meeting.

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