

FOIA Resource

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0101

Date Rec'd: 3-2-11

Specialist: Raphael

Related Case:

From: Jeanette Oxford [Jeanette.Oxford@house.mo.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 2:34 PM
To: 'Lawrence Criscione'; Raphael, Mary Jean; Sealing, Donna; FOIA Resource
Cc: Marty Gelfand; Jeanette Oxford; Kay Drey; Dave Lochbaum; David Lochbaum; Louis Clark; Gary Olmstead
Subject: RE: FOIA-PA Request for release of ML110420293

Ms. Raphael or appropriate staff member at the NRC,

This is a Freedom of Information Act request.

I would also like to receive a copy of the Non-Concurrence Form 757, filed by Lawrence Criscione, regarding the January 2011 NRC INFORMATION NOTICE #2011-02. I am particularly interested in the seven pages of ML 110420293 --- regarding the Oct. 21, 2003, passive reactor shutdown that occurred at the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant, here in Missouri.

I would also be willing to receive my copy as a document for public access via the NRC's ADAMS record-keeping system. Please inform me of its availability if that option is selected.

Thank you.

Jeanette Mott Oxford
State Representative, 59th MO House District
2910 Lemp, St. Louis, MO 63118
573-751-4567 (Jefferson City)
314-771-8882 (St. Louis)

From: Lawrence Criscione (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 5:47 PM
To: Mary Jean Raphael; Donna Sealing; FOIA Resource
Cc: Marty Gelfand; Jeanette Oxford; Jeanette Oxford; Kay Drey; Dave Lochbaum; David Lochbaum; Louis Clark; Gary Olmstead
Subject: FOIA-PA Request for release of ML110420293

Mary Jean,

Per the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, please provide me a copy of the NRC Form 757, Non Concurrence Process, which I filled out for Information Notice 2011-02 along with the attached response from NRR. The documents I am requesting are the seven pages of ML110420293.

I would prefer that ML110420293 be made publically available in ADAMS. If this is not possible, then please provide it as an electronic copy to this email address. If you must provide it as a hard copy, then please call me at (b)(6) when it is available for pickup at the FOIA counter.

Thank you,

Larry

Lawrence S. Criscione

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FOIA/PA REQUEST**Case No.:** 2011-0100**Date Rec'd:** 3-2-11**Specialist:** Raphael**Related Case:****FOIA Resource**

From: Kay Drey [tritium3@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 5:50 PM
To: Raphael, Mary Jean; Sealing, Donna; FOIA Resource
Cc: 'Marty Gelfand'; 'Jeanette Oxford'; 'Dave Lochbaum'; 'Louis Clark'; 'Gary Olmstead'
Subject: RE: FOIA-PA Request for release of ML110420293

To whom it may concern at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission: This is a Freedom of Information Act request.

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Or if you would prefer, I request that you place a copy of that document for public access via the NRC's ADAMS record-keeping system --- and inform me of its availability. Thank you, Kay Drey

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 5:47 PM

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Thank you,

Larry

Lawrence S. Criscione

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December 31, 2013

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of the Inspector General
11545 Rockville Pike, Mail Stop O-5E13
Rockville, MD 20852

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2014-0111

Date Rec'd: 1/8/14

Specialist: Phelps

Related Case:

This is a request for records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request a copy of any emails in the Inspector General's FOIA Office (or the office of the individual(s) in the Office of Inspector General that handle(s) FOIA requests) that contain the word "Ravnitzky". This means email with that word anywhere in the email.

The scope of this request is/are emails retrieved from an electronic search or searches of computers or computer systems accessed by the Inspector General's FOIA Office. I am primarily interested in any emails during the time period January 1, 2009 to the present, but if an electronic search will only retrieve records from a lesser/shorter period, that will be sufficient for purposes of this request.

This is not intended to be a burdensome search; I only would like those emails that can be retrieved within a 2.5 hour search time and I will accept the emails located within a 2.5 hour search period as sufficient for purposes of this request.

This is a noncommercial individual request and it falls into the "all other requesters" fee category. I agree to pay up to \$30 for statutory fees, if necessary, without additional permission. Please let me know if fees are expected to exceed this amount, and why.

Please abide by the President's Memorandum on FOIA, the presumption of openness, the Attorney General's Memorandum on FOIA and the foreseeable harm standard.

I would appreciate if you would communicate with me by email or by U.S. Mail and do not send me certified or registered mail that requires a signature.

If this request was transmitted to the wrong office, please forward it to the correct office.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Michael Ravnitzky

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FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0131
Date Rec'd: 3-21-11
Specialist: Christina
Re Case: _____



3/15/2011

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: "Inquiry into Testimony of Executive Director for Operations" Interview of CIA Director for Operations Carl Duckett, NRC Offices of General Counsel and Inspector and Auditor, NRC Document Room, February, 1978, Vol. III and related documents (Item IDs 011510864, 005176360, 005176385, 005176395, Accession #7811200289, Item IDs 011495020, 0114952950, 11495400, 011495407, 011495412, 011498408, see attachment A highlights) – **full, unredacted, public release**

Dear Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request a copy of the above referenced Nuclear Regulatory Commission documents. According to the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* article "Revisiting the NUMEC Affair" published in March/April of 2010, NRC Chairman William Anders invited CIA Deputy Director for Operations Carl Duckett to brief senior NRC officials who were concerned about the potential for nuclear diversion in the US. Duckett told the NRC that "the CIA believed Israel had illegally obtained HEU from a fuel-processing plant run by the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) in Apollo, PA, and that Israel had used this HEU for its first bombs."

On 8/9/1978 reporter John Fialka of the now defunct *Washington Star* requested the full, unredacted release of the document under Executive Order 12065. (Attachment A) This request was denied. However, we believe the original report on Duckett and related correspondence and reports are now releasable under the new guidance of Executive Order 13526 issued December 29, 2009¹ because:

1. **Under Section 1.5 Duration of Classification provisions** no document may remain classified indefinitely. Documents must usually be marked for declassification within 10 or 25 years of the original classification decision. Under these new standards, the document is 8-23 years overdue for public release.
2. **Under Section 1.7 Classification Prohibitions and Limitations** it is no longer permissible to maintain classifications to "conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error" or "prevent embarrassment." Outside experts believe that the document is classified mainly because it would reveal US taxpayer funded uranium ended up in a foreign nuclear weapons program. While many US government agencies continue to cover up information about material and technology diversions the Israeli nuclear weapons program, the standard FOIA exemptions applied no longer withstand challenge.² Aver Cohen, in his book "Israel and

¹ <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13526.htm>

² Exemption 1: All national security information concerning the national defense or foreign policy that has been properly classified in accordance with the substantive and procedural requirements of the current such order

* Information pertaining to security of fuel cycle facilities possessing strategic quantities of special nuclear material
* Information about security systems (e.g., guards, alarms, duress codes, etc.) of certain facilities or activities that would aid an adversary in attacking a facility or mode of transportation
* Foreign government information provided with an understanding or agreement that information is considered classified by the supplying foreign government

the Bomb" documents that LBJ associate and fundraiser Abraham Feinberg was also the funding coordinator for the clandestine Israeli nuclear weapons program. Keeping related documents classified that confirm embarrassing (but already public) findings such as those mentioned above is no longer permissible since it has been revealed to be done primarily to protect politician access to domestic campaign contributions from various Israel lobbying groups (or politician legacy issues at National Archives run presidential document repositories). IRmep has successfully argued this very point in FOIA denial appeals—submitting documentary evidence—to gain document release of other sensitive documents retained only for domestic political purposes rather than any legitimate national security consideration.

3. **Under Section 3.3 "the Secretary of Energy shall determine when information concerning foreign nuclear programs that was removed from the Restricted Data category in order to carry out provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, may be declassified. Unless otherwise determined, such information shall be declassified when comparable information concerning the United States nuclear program is declassified."** The US has recently begun to declassify other reports about HEU diversion such as the GAO report "Nuclear Diversion in the US? 13 Years of Controversy and Confusion"³ and the DOE's "Highly Enriched Uranium: Striking a Balance" that contain information we believe to be somewhat similar to what we are seeking.

Under specific NRC criteria, we ask for a fee waiver since it will provide a public benefit under NRC criteria:

- **Describe the purpose for which you intend to use the requested information.** IRmep is publishing a book about the NUMEC incident, utilizing a broad range of newly declassified and unredacted government documents from varied agencies. We also plan to make the released documents easily available to other researchers, as we've done with "Nuclear Diversion in the US?" and countless other documents.
- **Explain the extent to which you will extract and analyze the substantive content of the requested records.** We plan to extract the most relevant portions of the report which have never been released, for comparison to DOE, FBI, CIA, GAO, and other public research.
- **Describe the nature of the specific activity or research in which you will use the requested records and the specific qualifications you possess to utilize information for the intended purpose in such a way that it will contribute to public understanding.** IRmep is an educational, noncommercial research institution, and this request is made for a scholarly purpose. The Internal Revenue Service has categorized IRmep as a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) in recognition of IRmep's nonprofit mandate to produce survey based and historical research about the intersection of foreign policy and law enforcement. IRmep has over the last half decade published 10 social science and history books, including "Target Saudi Arabia", "Neocon Middle East Policy", "Foreign Agents", "Visa Denied", "America's Defense Line," and the book "Spy Trade" as well as scores of research papers. IRmep has provided expert media interviewees and data to news organizations as diverse as C-SPAN, Voice of America, the *Financial Times of London*, Reuters, the *Washington Post*, *Inc. Magazine*, Radio France Internationale, *Kiplinger's*, the US State Department's *Washington File* and many others.

Jeff Stein of the *Washington Post* calls Smith "a Washington D.C. author who has made a career out of writing critical books." James Petras, Bartle Professor (Emeritus) of Sociology at Binghamton University, New York claims "Grant F. Smith is without peer as an archival scholar." Blogger Philip Weiss claims "the best investigative work is being done by Grant Smith..." Nathan Guttman of *The Jewish Daily Forward* recognizes Smith as leading a public effort to "call attention of the authorities... and demands public scrutiny." John J. Mearsheimer, the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of

³ Obtained by IRmep in May of 2010

Chicago claims "Grant Smith's new book (4) is a major step forward in correcting that problem." We have provided these books and press clippings to FOIA officers on request during previous fee waiver appeals.

- **Describe the likely impact on the public's understanding of the subject, compared to the level of public understanding of the subject before disclosure of the requested information.** Because of undue government secrecy, the public is almost entirely unaware of this chapter of the Israeli nuclear weapons program and US nuclear history. It would provide vast understanding and informed public debate that the NCR, GAO, Congress, and educators at various times once tried to facilitate.
- **Describe the size and nature of the public segment whose understanding will be increased by disclosing the requested information.** The audience of the academic press, general news readers, global nonproliferation, NGOs, and general interest world news recipients numbers in the millions, if not billions.
- **Describe the means by which you intend to disseminate the requested information to the general public.** News release, online archive, essays, books, and integration into our conference program.
- **Indicate whether you will provide public access to the requested information free of charge or in return for an access or publication fee.** We will provide public access free of charge.
- **Describe any commercial or private interest that you or any other party may have in the requested records.** None. IRmep publishing operates at a loss as a public interest publishing house under a nonprofit umbrella.

We also request waiver of all fees for this request because disclosure of the requested information to IRmep is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Also, the US Department of Energy has recently granted us fee waiver status on requests on similar materials release. (Attachment B)

Although we do not formally request expedited processing, we do hope to be processed as a high priority. Based on review of other researcher attempts and recent email correspondence to obtain actual document IDs with the NRC Public Document Room (Attachment A) – locating the relevant document should not be an issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Grant F. Smith
Director of Research

Enclosures: Attachment A – FOIA IDs, accessions, Attachment B – DOE Fee Waiver

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⁴ *America's Defense Line*, ISBN 978-0976443728

(A)

Grant F. Smith

From: PDR Resource [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 6:15 PM
To: info@irmep.org
Subject: RE: Document request from Grant Smith

Grant Smith,

I am responding to your follow-up inquiry, which was recently received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room (NRC/PDR).

The following documents should be available on microfiche in the PDR:

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Availability	Publicly Available
Title	FOIA request for records not released to press & Congress re Commission inquiry into Ofc of Inspector & Auditory Ofc of General Counsel rept on Apollo testimony of executive Director for Operations.
Author Name	KRANISH A
Author Affiliation	TRENDS PUBLISHING, INC.
Author Affiliation Class	CI
Addressee Name	
Addressee Affiliation	NRC OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION (ADM)
Addressee Affiliation Class	N
Docket Number	
License Number	
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Document/Report Number	
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Document Date	8/9/1978
Document Type	CORRESPONDENCE-LETTERS INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE PUBLIC ENTITY/CITIZEN/ORGANIZATION/MEDIA TO NRC
Availability	Publicly Available
Title	Appeals denial of FOIA request for deleted portions from Vol III of NRC rept, "Inquiry Into Testimony of Executive Director for Operations." Requests that stds in Executive Order 12065 be used in review.
Author Name	FIALKA J J
Author Affiliation	WASHINGTON STAR
Author Affiliation Class	CI
Addressee Name	
Addressee Affiliation	NRC COMMISSION (OCM)
Addressee Affiliation Class	N
Docket Number	
License Number	
Case/Reference Number	FOIA-78-143 FOIA-78-A-21
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Document Date	8/7/1978
Document Type	CORRESPONDENCE-LETTERS NRC TO PUBLIC ENTITY/CITIZEN/ORGANIZATION/MEDIA OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE
Availability	Publicly Available
Title	Responds to FOIA request for deleted portions from Vol III of rept, "Inquiry Into Testimony of Executive Director for Operations." Info partially withheld:classified portions (ref FOIA Exemption 1).CIA is reviewing classified info.
Author Name	FELTON J M
Author Affiliation	NRC OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION (ADM)
Author Affiliation Class	N
Addressee Name	FIALKA J J
Addressee Affiliation	WASHINGTON STAR
Addressee Affiliation Class	CI
Docket Number	
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Availability	Publicly Available
Title	FOIA request for deleted portions from Vol III of rept, "Inquiry Into Testimony of Executive Director for Operations," released in Feb 1978.
Author Name	FIALKA J J
Author Affiliation	WASHINGTON STAR
Author Affiliation Class	CI
Addressee Name	FELTON J M
Addressee Affiliation	NRC OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION (ADM)
Addressee Affiliation Class	N
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The following documents are not available from the PDR and will require a FOIA request:

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Document Type	COMMISSION PAPER TEXT-SAFETY REPORT
Title	Response to recommendation from the OIA/OGC "Inquiry into the Testimony of the Executive Director for Operations," vol 1, Summary Rept, Feb 1978 providing analysis of allegations by JH Conran re thefts of nuc matl.
Availability	Non-Publicly Available
Microfiche Address	94251:041-94251:131
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Availability	Publicly Available
Title	Transcript of Discussion of OIA/OGC Inquiry In Testimony of The Executive Director For Operations.Pp 1-61.
Author Name	
Author Affiliation	NRC COMMISSION (OCM)
Author Affiliation Class	N
Addressee Name	
Addressee Affiliation	
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Author Name	CHILK S J
Author Affiliation	NRC OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY (SECY)
Author Affiliation Class	N
Addressee Name	
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Author Affiliation Class	N
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FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov

More information about FOIA is available from the Department of Justice at http://www.justice.gov/oip/04_7.html.

I hope you will find this information to be useful.

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The new Web-based ADAMS (WBA) made its debut on October 20, 2010. Among the enhancements is the ability of WBA users to search the ADAMS Public Library and ADAMS Legacy Library simultaneously. More information about ADAMS is available from the NRC Web site.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>

The PDR uses a private contractor, Best Copy and Printing Incorporated (BCPI), to reproduce documents. On October 1, 2010, BCPI increased its prices. Reproductions from microfiche to paper increased from \$0.40 per page to \$0.45 per page; reproductions from microfiche to PDF increased from \$0.45 per page to \$0.50 per page. Additional information about fees and turnaround times is available from the NRC Web site.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/pdr/fee-schedule.html>

ADAMS PUBLIC made its debut on February 1, 2010, replacing Citrix-based ADAMS. ADAMS PUBLIC users can now search the ADAMS Legacy Library via a Web-based interface. More information about ADAMS is available from the NRC Web site.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/adams-public.html>

From: info [mailto:info@irmep.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 12:58 PM
To: 'PDR.Resource@nrc.gov'
Subject: FW: Document request from Grant Smith

Dear Adam,

Can you confirm receipt of this email? (been having some tech problems).

Thanks!

Grant

From: info [mailto:info@irmep.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 10:30 AM
To: 'PDR.Resource@nrc.gov'
Subject: FW: Document request from Grant Smith

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Dear Adam Glazer,

I am seeking another NRC document titled "Inquiry into the Testimony of the Executive Director for Operations" – NCR Offices of General Counsel and Inspector and Auditor, February 1978.

I have searched for this document on ADAMS but could not locate it. An article by a couple of former NRC employees published in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists titled "Revisiting the NUMEC affair" March/April 2010 says it is available in the document room, but I was hoping to have a PDF of the full document (which I assume is not classified).

Do I need to file a FOIA request for this?

Thanks!

Grant

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 2, 2011

(B)

Mr. Grant F. Smith
Director of Research
Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy (IRMEP)
P.O. Box 32041
Washington, DC 20007

Re: HQ-2011-00700-F

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for unredacted contents from the DOE report Highly Enriched Uranium: Striking a Balance.

The request has been assigned to the Office of Health, Safety and Security to conduct a search of its files for documents responsive to the request. Upon completion of the search, a response will be provided to you.

In your letter you asked for a waiver of all fees incurred to process the request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you were categorized under the DOE's regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as an "educational" requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

We have reviewed the information that you have provided and determined that it satisfies the criteria for a waiver. For this reason, there will be no fees incurred to process the request.

The above referenced number has been assigned to the request and you should refer to it in correspondence with the DOE about this matter. If you have any questions about the processing of the request in the Office of HS, you may contact Ms. Robyne Johnston, HS-1.23, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. She also can be reached on (202) 586-5385.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Ms. Sheila Jeter of my staff on (202) 586-5061 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Joan Ogilvie
for Alexander C. Morris

FOIA Officer
Office of Information Resources



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FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2014-0168
Date Rec'd: 3/7/14
Specialist: So
Related Case: _____

Date : Mar 7, 2014 17:00 GMT
To : 13014155130
From : Jason Smathers, EMail jax@requests.muckrock.com
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: ADAMS Training Manual (NRC)

March 7, 2014
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FOIA/Privacy Officer
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

A copy of the ADAMS Training Manual or other material which provides instruction on the use of ADAMS.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jason Smathers

Filed via MuckRock.com
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For mailed responses, please address (see note):
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PLEASE NOTE the new address as well as the fact that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than MuckRock News) requests might be returned by the USPS as undeliverable.

FOIA Resource

From: Nick Schwellenbach [nschwellenbach@pogo.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:25 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: FOIA request for NRC OIG docs 4-27-11

FOIPA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0199
Date Rec'd: 4-27-11
Specialist: Raphael
Related Case:

April 27, 2011

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FOIA/Privacy Officer
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Fax: 301-415-5130
Email: FOIA.resource@nrc.gov
Questions: 301-415-7169
RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
Dear FOIA Officer:

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please provide the electronic versions (e.g. pdf) of the following four NRC Office of Inspector General investigative reports (I include the case #, title, closed and opened dates for each investigation):

- 1) Case #: C 07 057
Title: Adequacy of Staffs Handling of Generic Safety Issues
Opened: 07/16/2007
Closed: 10/16/2008
- 2) Case #: C 07 024
Title: Special Project NRC Regulatory Oversight
Opened: 01/11/2007
Closed: 09/10/2009
- 3) Case #: C 08 028
Title: Manipulation of Reactor Oversight Process (ROP)
Opened: 01/28/2008
Closed: 07/15/2009
- 4) Case #: C 09 004
Title: NRC Allows NEI Opportunity to Review and Edit Regulatory Issue Summary Documents
Opened: 10/21/2008
Closed: 03/31/2009

I additionally request a list of all NRC OIG investigative reports from January 1, 2010 through April 27, 2011.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and 41 C.F.R. § 105-60.305-13. Disclosure of the requested records will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the government and would not be primarily in the commercial interest of POGO. Specifically, POGO intends to use the requested records to highlight oversight of the nuclear power industry. POGO will use the requested records to improve the public's understanding of government operations and activities.

Founded in 1981, the Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is an independent nonprofit that investigates and exposes corruption and other misconduct in order to achieve a more effective, accountable, open, and ethical federal government. POGO disseminates information about its activities to thousands of concerned citizens, policymakers, and the media via email, direct mail, and its web site <http://www.pogo.org>, which receives over 500,000 hits monthly. The records provided by the agency will be used for the following activities: publication by email and on our website; publication in reports and newsletters issued by POGO; publication in the newsletters of affiliated nonprofit organizations; efforts to educate Congress, the Executive Branch, and other policymakers in Washington, DC; or investigational projects conducted in conjunction with the news media.

If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite each exemption pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justifies each denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Any such action supports the presumption of "openness" on which FOIA is based. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

I look forward to your response, including an individualized tracking number, within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). I am aware that all fees will be waived if specified time limits are not met. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(viii). I have a right to appeal if this request is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days, and that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nick Schwellenbach

Project On Government Oversight
nschwellenbach@pogo.org
202-347-1122
1100 G St NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20001

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Donna Sealing
FOIA/PA Officer
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

FOIA REQUEST

Case No.: 2012-0061

Date Rec'd: 11-16-11

Specialist: _____

Related Case: _____

Jessica R. Piper

(b)(6)

11/15/2011

Dear Ms. Sealing,

Under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, I would like to request a copy of my NRC security file and any other materials related to my offer of a summer internship with the NRC in April 2010 (which was retracted based on not having enough time to process a full clearance).

The records should include the SF86 I submitted to NRC, declaration for federal employment, signature forms, fingerprint card (if NRC has a copy still), and any other records pertaining to background checks, credit checks, and/or drug tests which the NRC conducted, or had conducted.

If there are any fees required, please let me know, and I will be happy to send a check.

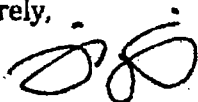
You can mail my records to the address listed above.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at

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, or email at (b)(6)

Sincerely,



Jessica R. Piper

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Case No.: 2014-0192

Date Rec'd: 3/05/14

Specialist: Stevens

Related Case:

FOIA Resource

From: Eto Takanori (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:33 AM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOI Officer,

Good evening. UNDER FOIA, I request items below.

Item1: (1) Briefings (17 pages) and (2) Intelligence Reports and Summaries (828 pages), both of them were decided to be entirely withheld to the other requesters for the basis of EX1 (<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1400/ML14008A124.pdf>) , so it is highly plausible that the initial decision be entirely withheld. But I may FOIA Appeal to request for reconsideration of the Agency. Therefore, please append denial reason to the request as precisely and detailed as possible, not only the applicable exemption but also the characteristics of content (i.e. "It includes satellite photos") for my convenience for FOIA appeals.

Item 2: Copies of all the name cards Mr. Jim Trap (a NRC official who took travel just after Fukushima incident and had a meeting with TEPCO, Japanese officials and so on.) recieved in Japan from March 11, 2011 to May 30, 2011. This records are going to be used further research,(i.e. interview request) of the Fukushima incident.

Since both items I am requesting are not so complexed that, hopefully process this request as a " simple " case in your multi tracking system.

Thank you.

Takanori Eto

FOIA Resource

From: nobody@www.nrc.gov
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 7:23 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: WWW Form Submission

FOIA/PA REQUEST
Case No.: 2012-0065
Date Rec'd: 11-18-11
Specialist:
Related Case: YMcBella

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
() on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 19:23:18

FirstName: Serene

LastName: Fang

Company/Affiliation: Center for Investigative Reporting

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City: Berkeley

State: CA

Zip: 94704

Country: United_States

Country-Other:

Email: sfang@cironline.org

Phone: 510-289-5634

Desc: Under the federal Freedom of Information Act, I request copies to all photographic files obtained or produced by the NRC and the NRC Inspector General's office in the following events:

1. Damage to the Davis-Besse reactor vessel head from leaking borated reactor cooling water in 2002;
2. Damage to the Davis-Besse reactor vessel head from leaking borated reactor cooling water in 2010; 3.
Leaks in the Byron essential service water system due to corrosion in October 2007; 4. Collapse and water
leakage from the Vermont Yankee cooling tower in August 2007; 5. Water leakage from the Vermont Yankee
cooling tower and pipes in July 2008; 6. Leaks discovered in the liner of the refueling vessel at Indian Point.

FeeCategory: NewsMedia

MediaType: The Center for Investigative Reporting

MediaType_TVRadio: on

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE TASK FORCE, INCORPORATED
Non-profit Public Advocacy

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Executive Director
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Phone: 702-248-1127
Fax: 702-248-1128

September 26, 2011

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 8611-0363
Date Rec'd: 9-26-11
Specialist: Dennis
Related Case: _____

VIA FACSIMILE

FOIA/Privacy Act Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T-5 F11
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Freedom of Information Act — Request for Videotapes of Senior Technical Staff Members

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 4, 2011, NMSS Director Catherine Haney wrote a Memorandum to all five Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commissioners. A copy of her Memorandum is attached to this request. On page 2 of her Memorandum, Ms. Haney states that "Departing and other senior technical staff members were interviewed on videotape for knowledge capture and as a future training resource."

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 55 U.S.C. 552, the undersigned requests copies of the following:

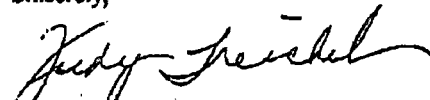
Any and all interviews on videotape of departing and other senior technical staff members as referred to in Ms. Haney's February 4, 2011 Memorandum.

This request is made on behalf of the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, a non-profit public advocacy organization.

The requesting party is willing to pay up to a total amount of \$1,000 for search time and videotape copying costs without the necessity for further approval. The requesting party has specifically made this request as narrow as possible in order to facilitate expeditious response by NRC.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 702.248.1127.

Sincerely,


Judy Treichel
Executive Director

REVISED on March 1, 2011, to correct NRC Form 757, Section C, to reflect three staff members' non-concurrences and their requests that their non-concurrences be made public

February 4, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jaczko
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Apostolakis
Commissioner Magwood
Commissioner Ostendorff

FROM: Catherine Haney, Director /RA/
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROGRAM

The purpose of this memorandum is to describe the status of the Yucca Mountain Program. Since October 1, 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's activities have focused on the orderly closure of the NRC staff's safety review of the license application submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to construct a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain (YM), NV. This memorandum also describes the staff's plans to capture the knowledge it acquired during more than 3 decades of pre-licensing preparation and more than 2 years of licensing review activities.

Program Status and Termination of Safety Review

Effective on October 1, 2010, the staff ceased its safety review of the YM license application. Consequently, the staff is converting the remaining volumes of its safety evaluation report (SER) ("Volume 3: Review of Repository Safety after Permanent Closure," "Volume 2: Review of Repository Safety before Permanent Closure," and "Volume 4: Review of Administrative and Programmatic Requirements") into technical evaluation reports, which will be published as NUREG reports in the knowledge management series. These reports will document the staff's technical review activities and technical conclusions but will contain no staff findings of regulatory compliance.

Knowledge Capture and Orderly Closure of Supporting Licensing Proceedings

The NRC staff is archiving the institutional, regulatory, and technical knowledge amassed over nearly 3 decades as it evaluated YM and other potential sites for deep geologic disposal of spent fuel and high-level waste. The staff is evaluating and documenting the lessons learned from (1) the development and implementation of site-specific regulations and guidance documents for geologic disposal, (2) the conduct of a licensing proceeding under Subpart J,

CONTACT: Lawrence E. Kokejko, NMSS
301-492-3158

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"Procedures Applicable to Proceedings for the Issuance of Licenses for the Receipt of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Geologic Repository," of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," and (3) the establishment and the operation of the Licensing Support Network (LSN). The staff will preserve this knowledge as a resource for future use. Associated with this, on October 1, 2010, the staff directed the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) to stop its license application review activities. The staff redirected CNWRA to focus its YM-related efforts on the preservation of knowledge and records management. As the High Level Waste (HLW) repository knowledge management tasks are completed, CNWRA will transition to non-HLW Repository work using fee-based resources to evaluate the safety and environmental impacts of longer term storage of spent nuclear fuel and to support the staff's development of a longer term waste confidence rulemaking plan.

The NRC staff established priorities for activities it will undertake commensurate with available resources and closure of the licensing review. As part of this effort, the staff will document its technical review of the license application in technical evaluation reports (NUREGs). These reports will capture the scientific findings, knowledge, and experience of the staff's technical review, the development of requests for additional information, and an evaluation of the license application without stating the conclusion that would be needed to support a licensing decision. The first of these, documenting postclosure review activities, is planned for completion in the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2011. Resources permitting, reports on the staff's preclosure (Volume 2) and administrative (Volume 4) reviews will follow later in the third and fourth quarters of FY 2011.

During the first quarter of FY 2011, the staff established its process for developing the technical evaluation reports and began preparation of those reports. The staff is responding to a Freedom of Information Act request for access to staff drafts of SER Volumes 2 and 3. Technical staff members continued to provide input to the Office of the General Counsel on adjudicatory hearing-related matters to assist in responding to orders from the Construction Authorization Board 4 (CAB4 or the Board), including directives on case management and identification of witnesses. Departing and other senior technical staff members were interviewed on videotape for knowledge capture and as a future training resource. Personnel from the Office of Administration and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP or the Panel) initiated discussions with the General Services Administration and other government agencies about preparatory activities to close and decommission the Las Vegas Hearing Facility (LVHF), including its computer systems, physical infrastructure, and physical security infrastructure. During this period, the high-level waste core group continued discussions about the budget for orderly closure of the YM program to ensure coordination with preparation for renewal of the CNWRA contract and other contractual matters.

Hearing Process and Activities

CAB4 has continued to preside over the YM proceeding after denying the Department of Energy license application withdrawal motion in June 2010. The NRC staff, as required, has kept the Board informed of the status of the staff's application review activities. Specifically, on

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November 29, 2010, the staff informed CAB4 that it would not issue SER Volume 3 in November 2010 as previously planned, and that a revised schedule is indeterminate. On December 8, 2010, CAB4 ordered the staff to submit by December 22, 2010, a full explanation of its schedule change for the issuance of Volume 3 and directed the parties to confer and seek to reach agreement on a discovery status report by January 25, 2011. The staff replied on December 22, 2010, also indicating that the schedule for SER Volumes 4 and 2 was indeterminate. On December 14, 2010, CAB4 ruled on the Phase 1 legal issues and denied petitions for rule waivers. The Board also directed affected parties to submit a joint stipulation, or differing views, regarding the effects of the Board's Phase 1 legal issue rulings on admitted contentions by January 21, 2011. The major parties (including the NRC staff) timely responded and also filed differing views. In addition, DOE filed a January 21, 2011, motion seeking a suspension of the proceeding through May 20, 2011 and Nevada filed a January 20, 2011, motion seeking reconsideration of the rejection of a contention in its initial petition. CAB4 has not yet ruled on the suspension motion.

Absent contrary direction it is our understanding that the Panel plans to maintain the adjudicatory infrastructure for the repository licensing proceeding, including the Las Vegas Hearing Facility (LVHF), the Licensing Support Network (LSN), and the LVHF component of the Digital Data Management System (DDMS), until the end of FY 2011. At that time shut-down of the infrastructure would need to be accomplished to avoid the agency requiring Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) money that has not been appropriated in order to complete the shut-down after FY 2011. We understand that ASLBP plans to send a memorandum in February that discusses this matter more fully and includes key action points for an orderly shutdown.

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Coordination

The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed this paper and has no legal objection. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this paper for resource implications and has no objections.

Three staff members in NMSS filed non-concurrences on this memorandum (Enclosures 2-4). These non-concurrences are included in the interest of providing the Commission with alternative views.

This paper contains pre-decisional procurement and budget information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Enclosures:

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2. Non-Concurrence dated January 18, 2011
3. Non-Concurrence dated February 1, 2011
4. Non-Concurrence dated February 2, 2011

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NEVADA NUCLEAR WASTE TASK FORCE, INCORPORATED

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Phone: 702-248-1127
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Fax Transmittal

Date: Sept. 26, 2011

To: FOIA/Privacy Act Officer

From: Judy Treichel

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From: Henry, Ray [mailto:rhenry@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 12:48 PM
To: Hannah, Roger; Ledford, Joey
Subject: FOI Request

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2012-0004
Date: 10-5-11
Special: Christian
Related Case: _____

Roger, Joey,

FOI request attached re: Plant Hatch-tritium. Please call me if you have any questions. The file is attached as a Microsoft Word document and as text in the email below.

Cheers,
Ray

Ray Henry | The Associated Press | Office: 404-522-8971 | (b)(6) | rhenry@ap.org | Twitter:
www.twitter.com/rhenryAP

Oct. 3, 2011

Oct. 3, 2011

Roger Hannah, Senior Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II-Division of Regional Administrator

Mr. Hannah:

Under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and under the Electronic Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C 552, I am seeking copies of the following records:

- 1.) Any correspondence, e-mail or other documents created or received by NRC officials since Tuesday, Sept. 27, pertaining to a suspected tritium leak at Plant Hatch in Georgia.

Please consider this an expedited request. I meet the definition of "compelling need" as defined by your agency. This information is sought to inform the public about the safety of an operating nuclear plant that is leaking radioactive effluent. If that tritium contaminated public water supplies, it would constitute a threat to public health. The information is urgently needed by The Associated Press, which is engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public about safety and health issues.

Whether an "urgency to inform" exists, according to the courts, depends on several factors: (1) whether the information relates to a currently unfolding story, (2) whether delaying release of the information harms the public interest, and (3) whether the request concerns federal governmental activity. *Al-Fayed v. CIA*, 245 F.3d 300 (D.C. Cir. 2001). In addition, "the credibility of a requestor" also is a "relevant consideration." *Id.* These factors underscore that an "urgency to inform" undeniably exists for the information sought by my request, that is not currently available to the public.

This request meets the standard of "urgency to inform" because it involves regulatory and safety decisions concerning an operating nuclear power plant that is leaking radioactive effluent. Delaying a response to this request would compromise the significant interest of the public to learn about the scope and consequences of this radioactive leak. This request concerns federal government activity. Finally, as the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requestor.

Please release any information pursuant to my requests as it is received and/or reviewed by your office, rather than waiting to send me all the material I have requested.

If there are any fees for searching for, or copying, the records I have requested, please supply the records without informing me if the fees do not exceed \$50.

As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 3, 2011.

Sincerely,

Ray Henry
The Associated Press
101 Marietta St. NW, Suite 2450
Atlanta, GA 30303

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rhenny@ap.org

Kilgore, Linda

From: Grossman, Elaine [egrossman@nationaljournal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 11:37 AM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: FOIA Request for Slakey FOIA Request Letter

Importance: High

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FOIA/Privacy Officer
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2012-0015
Date Rec'd: 10/19/11
Specialist: Dennis
Related Case: 2011-0300

VIA E-MAIL to: FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request a copy of the letter from Francis Slakey of the American Physical Society to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in which Mr. Slakey requested, under the terms of FOIA, documentation of the NRC's May 2011 Enforcement Action notice issued to GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment regarding a facility in Wilmington, NC.

The Slakey FOIA-request letter, a copy of which I am seeking to obtain, resulted in NRC's action labeled "FOIA/PA-2011-0300," in which Mr. Slakey was provided with an NRC letter and associated documents dated May 19, 2011, to Global Nuclear Fuels-Americas, L.L.C.

PLEASE KINDLY PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SLAKEY FOIA REQUEST TO ME VIA E-MAIL AT THIS ADDRESS: egrossman@nationaljournal.com

I am requesting these records as a representative of the news media. I request a waiver of fees because my interest in records is not primarily commercial, and disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. The news service for which I report, Global Security Newswire, is published by the highly acclaimed National Journal Group. The newswire is available online at www.globalsecuritynewswire.org.

Please provide requested copies at the soonest possible date, as this is a matter of pressing public interest. A response must be provided at least within 20 working days as dictated by law. If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law.

If you have any questions about handling this request, please telephone me at my number, below. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Grossman
Reporter, Global Security Newswire
202-266-7248

FOIA Resource

From: nobody@www.nrc.gov
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 1:36 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
() on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 13:35:41

FOI/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0222
Date Rec'd: 5-13-11
Specialist: Christian
Related Case:

FirstName: Randy

LastName: Paige

Company/Affiliation: KCBS-TV Los Angeles

Address1: 4200 Radford Ave.

Address2:

City: Studio City

State: CA

Zip: 91604

Country: United_States

Country-Other:

Email: repaige@cbs.com

Phone: (b)(6)

Desc: All documents, memos, lists, emails, reports related to lost or stolen radioactive material in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon from 2005 to present. Please notify me prior to completion of this request if the cost for copies will exceed \$50.

FeeCategory: NewsMedia

MediaType: KCBS-TV Los Angeles

MediaType_TVRadio: on

FeeCategory_Description:

Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver_Purpose:

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze:

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals:

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding:

Waiver_NatureOfPublic:

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination:

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee:

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest:

FOIA Resource

From: Michael Ravnitzky (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 9:49 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: FOIA request

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0212
Date Rec'd: 5-4-11
Specialist: Chenitana
Related Case: _____

May 3, 2011

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FOIA/Privacy Officer
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request for records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request an electronic copy or printout of the list of SECY PAPERS that are non-public (not posted on the internet), along with the reason why each is not posted if that reason is categorized in the registry or database.

Although I request this output for all years, you may if you wish restrict it to the time period covered by the current database of SECY PAPERS.

This is an individual noncommercial request for research and study purposes. It falls within the fee category "all other requesters". I agree to pay up to \$25 for costs if necessary. Please notify me if the cost will exceed that amount.

Please release all segregable portions. Please adopt the presumption of openness as described in the President's Memorandum on FOIA and the Attorney General's Memorandum on FOIA.

Respectfully,

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FOIA Resource

From: nobody@www.nrc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 6:57 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: WWW Form Submission

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2012-0051
Date Rec'd: 11-10-11
Specialist: Alennis
Related Case: _____

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
() on Wednesday, November 09, 2011 at 18:57:07

FirstName: Serene

LastName: Fang

Company/Affiliation: Center for Investigative Reporting

Address1: 2130 Center Street

Address2: Suite 103

City: Berkeley

State: CA

Zip: 94704

Country: United_States

Country-Other:

Email: sfang@cironline.org

Phone: 510.289.5634

Desc: I write to request access to and a copy of all reports submitted by former OIG investigator George Mulley, or OIG staff members working with Mr. Mulley, in relation to leaks in the service water system at the Byron Generating Station in Illinois.

FeeCategory: NewsMedia

MediaType: Center for Investigative Reporting

MediaType_TVRadio: on

FeeCategory_Description: Multimedia

Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver_Purpose:

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze:

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals:

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding:

Waiver_NatureOfPublic:

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination:

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee:

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest:

FOIA Resource

From: nobody@www.nrc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 7:19 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: WWW Form Submission

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
() on Wednesday, November 09, 2011 at 19:19:16

FOIA/PA REQUEST
Case No.: 2012-0052
Date Rec'd: 11-10-11
Specialist: Christian
Related Case:

FirstName: Serene

LastName: Fang

Company/Affiliation: Center for Investigative Reporting

Address1: 2130 Center Street

Address2: Suite 103

City: Berkeley

State: CA

Zip: 94704

Country: United_States

Country-Other:

Email: sfang@cionline.org

Phone: 510-289-5634

Desc: I'm writing to request all Differing Professional View documents submitted during the period of January 1, 2005 to November 9, 2011 for the following commercial nuclear power plants:

1. Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant
2. Indian Point Energy Center
3. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant
4. North Anna Power Station

FeeCategory: NewsMedia

MediaType: Center for Investigative Reporting

MediaType_TVRadio: on

FeeCategory_Description: Multimedia

Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver_Purpose:

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze:

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals:

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding:

Waiver_NatureOfPublic:

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination:

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee:

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest:



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202-906-8150 phone • 202-926-8220 fax



April 4, 2011

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0166
Date Rec'd: 4-4-11
Specialist: Blaney
Related Case: _____

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

FOIA Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Expedited Freedom of Information Act request

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. In accordance with the act, I hereby request copies of any e-mails, letters, faxes, memoranda, or other written or electronic communications sent or received by anyone in the offices of the Chairman, members of the Commission, Congressional affairs, Public Affairs, or the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards since March 11, 2011 regarding the situation at the Fukushima nuclear power plants in Japan. (Possible search terms for responsive records include, but are not limited to, "Fukushima," "Japan," "Japanese," "meltdown," "tsunami," "earthquake," "radiation," "radioactive," etc.).

I remind you that any request for records must be construed "liberally." *Nation Magazine v. U.S. Customs Serv.*, 71 F.3d 885, 890 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (citing *Truitt v. Dep't of State*, 897 F.2d 540, 545 (D.C. Cir. 1990)).

Because this request relates to matters of significant ongoing public concern, I request that you process this request on an expedited basis under 10 C.F.R. § 9.25(e)(2). As you are no doubt aware, the situation at the Fukushima nuclear facilities remains critical, and has required significant involvement from U.S. authorities; there is an "urgent" and ongoing need to inform the public about the dangers involved, and the U.S. government's response. *Id.* USA TODAY, the nation's largest newspaper, is "primarily engaged in disseminating information." *Id.* I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

In addition, because this is a request by the news media for information of significant public interest, I ask that you waive any search fees, in accordance with § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). If the cost of reproducing these records will exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), please notify me before

filling this request. I may be reached at (202) 906-8177, or by electronic mail at bheath@usatoday.com.

As you are aware, the President has directed that the FOIA "be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails." Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Dep'ts and Agencies, 74 Fed. Reg. 15, 4683 (Jan. 26, 2009). This instruction is unambiguous: "All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government. The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA." *Id.*

If for any reason any portion of this request is denied, please provide written notice of the legal justification for the denial and an index of the documents or portions of documents withheld as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1972), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1972). Please also provide the name and address of the officer or body to which my appeal may be directed.

As you know, the Act, in § 552(a)(6), grants an agency no more than twenty working days in which to respond to this request.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Brad Heath

FOIA Resource

From: Heath, Brad [bheath@usatoday.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 10:28 AM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: Expedited FOIA Request
Attachments: NRC - Fukushima correspondence - 4.4.2011.pdf

Attached

FOIA Resource

From: uid no body [nobody@www.nrc.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 5:39 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: WWW Form Submission

FOIAPA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0184
Date Rec'd: 4-11-11
Specialist: Blaney
Related Case: _____

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
() on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 17:38:49

FirstName: Takao

LastName: Ikeuchi

Company/Affiliation: Kyodo News

Address1: 529 14th Street NW Suite 400 National Press Bldg.

Address2:

City: Washington

State: DC

Zip: 20045

Country: United_States

Country-Other:

Email: ikeuchi.takao@kyodonews.jp

Phone: 2023475767

Desc: I request copies of any and all documents regarding nuclear crisis in Japan after March 10th.
Documents include e-mails, faxes written correspondences, meeting minutes, memos, studies, analyses.

FeeCategory: NewsMedia

MediaType: Kyodo News

MediaType_TVRadio: on

FeeCategory_Description: News agency (wire)

Expedite_ImminentThreat: on

Expedite_ImminentThreatText: Because this nuclear crisis is ongoing public concern, and information is urgently required to inform, I request that you consider this an expedited request. I certify that I am a full time employee for Kyodo News, leading news wire in Japan. Our news is carried by more than 500 outlets world wide.

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver_Purpose:

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze:

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals:

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding:

Waiver_NatureOfPublic:

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination:

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee:

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest:

Laurie Wiegler

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FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0187

Date Rec'd: 4-13-11

Specialist: Yblaney

Related Case:

April 13, 2011

Donna L. Sealing/FOIA Privacy Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mailstop T5-F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001

cc: Scott Burnell, NRC spokesman

FOIA REQUEST

Dear Ms. Sealing:

I respectfully request access to records of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the purpose of reporting to the readers of *tce today/The Chemical Engineer* magazine, published by iChemE in Rugby, UK. I request this under the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C. § 552.

I am a U.S.-based science writer for the aforementioned publication, and in 2009 included the NRC in a discussion of the nuclear "renaissance" in the U.S. I worked with Scott Burnell, who was most helpful at the time.

Now in specific, I request records related to any inspections of General Electric reactors at the Japan Fukushima Dai-ichi and Fukushima Daini nuclear plants. I also request records to inspections at US plants: Diablo Canyon, Indian Point, San Onofre and Clinton reactor in Illinois.

With regard to the Diablo Canyon and San Onofre plants, I need records indicating whether their reactors have been designed for a magnitude on the order of the Japanese Mar. 11 earthquake (9.0) and/or a tsunami, and if so of what size. I would like to have records of all inspections for the course of these reactors' lifespans.

Please expedite this request, if possible, as my deadline is Apr. 22.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Laurie Wiegler
Science Writer

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FOIA Resource

From: Sealing, Donna
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 6:45 AM
To: FOIA Resource
Subject: FW: FOIA request
Attachments: FOIA request to NRC from Laurie Wiegler Apr 13, 2011_to Donna Sealing.doc

From: Laurie Wiegler (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 8:53 PM
To: Sealing, Donna
Cc: Burnell, Scott
Subject: FOIA request

Please see attached.

Thanks very much,

--
Laurie Wiegler
journalist

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

Via Federal Express (with enclosures) and Electronic Mail to:

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mailstop: T-5 F09
Washington, DC 20555-0001
FOIA.resource@nrc.gov

FOIA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0189
Date Rec'd: 4-15-11
Specialist: Blaney
Related Case: _____

April 15, 2011

Re: FOIA Request for Records Regarding Information on Nuclear Incident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), I write to request disclosure of records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and applicable Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 9.11 *et seq.*

I. Description of Records Sought

Please produce all non-exempt records¹ in NRC's possession, custody or control which were created or obtained for the purpose of communication between a) NRC (including NRC Commissioners and NRC staff) and any other persons, including, but not limited to communications² with any entity of the U.S. government, the Japanese Government and Tokyo Electric Power Company, b) between the NRC Commissioners, and c) between the NRC Commissioners and the NRC staff, pertaining to the nuclear incident that commenced on March 14, 2011 at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power

¹ The term "records" is used herein to mean anything denoted by the use of that word or its singular form in the text of FOIA. The term includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, emails, notices, facsimiles, charts, tables, presentations, orders, filings, and other writings (handwritten, typed, electronic, or otherwise produced, reproduced, or stored). This request seeks responsive records in the custody of any NRC office, including, but not limited to, NRC Headquarters offices, and specifically including NRC offices in possession of records pertaining to the subject of this letter.

² The term "communications" must be given the broadest possible meaning and includes comments, emails, courtesy copies of emails, notes, data sets, calendars, personal digital assistant entries, and any other agency record involving communication and/or record of communications between NRC and non-NRC persons.

Station in Japan. The temporal scope of this request is limited to those agency records created or obtained after March 10, 2011.

II. Request for a Fee Waiver

NRDC requests that NRC waive the fee that it would otherwise charge for search and production of the records described above. FOIA dictates that requested records be provided without charge "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 9.41(c). The requested disclosure would meet both of these requirements. In addition, NRDC qualifies as "a representative of the news media" entitled to a reduction of fees under FOIA. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 9.39(a).

A. NRDC Satisfies the First Fee Waiver Requirement

The disclosure requested here would be "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 10 C.F.R. § 9.41(c). Each of the four factors used by NRC to evaluate the first fee waiver requirement indicates that a fee waiver is appropriate for this request. *See* 10 C.F.R. § 9.41(d).

1. Subject of the request

The records requested here pertain to a nuclear accident with global and domestic impact, the NRC's understanding of the scale of the ongoing nuclear accident in Japan and how domestic reactors similar to those at the Fukushima facility are regulated. NRC is a government agency. The requested records thus directly concern "the operations or activities of the government." *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 43 C.F.R. § 9.41(d)(1).

2. Informative value of the information to be disclosed

The requested records are "likely to contribute" to the public's understanding of government operations and activities. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 10 C.F.R. § 9.41(d)(2). The public does not currently possess comprehensive information regarding the specifics of the ongoing Japanese nuclear disaster and, as noted above, this disaster has global and domestic impacts. The records requested are not currently in the public domain, and their disclosure would therefore be meaningfully informative with respect to NRC's actions and actions that may need to be taken with respect to domestic nuclear operations in the United States.

3. Contribution to an understanding of the subject by the public is likely to result from disclosure.

Because NRDC is a "representative of the news media," as explained in Part II.C below, NRC must presume that this disclosure is likely to contribute to public understanding of its subject. 10 C.F.R. § 9.39(a). In any event, however, NRDC's extensive communications capabilities and proven history of dissemination of information of public interest obtained from FOIA records requests indicate that NRDC is likely to reach a broad audience of interested persons with any relevant and newsworthy information obtained from the present request.

NRDC intends to disseminate any newsworthy information in the released records and its analysis of such records to its member base and to the broader public, through one or more of the many communications channels referenced below. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii); 10 C.F.R. § 9.13. As NRDC's long history of incorporating information obtained through FOIA into reports, articles and other communications illustrates, NRDC is well prepared to convey to the public any relevant information it obtains through this records request.

NRDC has the ability to disseminate information on the Japanese nuclear disaster through its website (<http://www.nrdc.org>) (homepage at Attachment 1), which is updated daily and draws approximately 893,000 page views and 378,000 visits per month; future issues of *OnEarth* magazine (excerpts from sample issue at Attachment 2), which is distributed to approximately 150,000 subscribers, sold at newsstands and bookstores, and made available online free of charge at <http://www.nrdc.org/onearth>; its *Nature's Voice* is a print and electronic newsletter featuring updates and actions on NRDC's campaigns to protect nature and the environment and is distributed to 1.3 million members and online activists, and is available on line at <http://www.nrdc.org/naturesvoice/default.asp> (sample issue at Attachment 3); and other newsletters and alerts, including the following. We have already disseminated information on this topic via our website (http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/mmckinzie/the_nrdc_nuclear_programs_note.html).

NRDC's Activist Alert email list has more than 142,000 subscribers who receive regular information on urgent environmental issues (sample email at Attachment 4). Information disseminated to Activist Alert email subscribers is also available online at NRDC's Action Center, <http://www.nrdc.org/action/default.asp> (Attachment 5). *This Green Life* is NRDC's electronic newsletter on environmentally sustainable living. It is distributed by email to 62,000 subscribers (sample email at Attachment 6) and made available online at <http://www.nrdc.org/thisgreenlife/default.asp> (Attachment 7). *NRDC Online* is a weekly electronic environmental newsletter distributed by e-mail to 37,000 subscribers, at <http://www.nrdc.org/newsletter> (Attachment 8). NRDC also maintains a staff blogging site, "Switchboard," at <http://switchboard.nrdc.org> (Attachment 9), which is updated daily and features more than 130 bloggers writing about current environmental issues. The blogs draw approximately 110,500 page views and 65,000 visits per month; Switchboard's RSS feeds have approximately 3,100 subscribers; and Switchboard posts appear on websites of other major internet media outlets, such as "The Huffington Post," at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com> (sample post at Attachment 10). NRDC's profiles on "Facebook," at <http://www.facebook.com/nrdc.org> (Attachment 11), and "Twitter," at

<http://www.twitter.com/nrdc> (Attachment 12), are updated daily and have approximately 54,000 fans and 8,700 followers, respectively.

NRDC issues press releases; participates in press conferences and interviews with reporters and editorial writers; and has nearly thirty staff members dedicated to communications work, *see* "Communications" staff list at <http://www.nrdc.org/about/staff.asp> (Attachment 13). NRDC employees provide Congressional testimony; appear on television, radio and web broadcasts and at conferences; and contribute to numerous national newspapers, magazines, academic journals, other periodicals, and books. *See, e.g.*, Attachments 14 (testimony of David Doniger, NRDC Climate Center Policy Director, before United States House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, Apr. 24, 2009), 15 (transcript, "Pollution Still a Hazard to U.S. Beaches," CBS, *CBS NEWS*, July 29, 2009 (featuring NRDC Water Program Co-Director Nancy Stoner)), 16 (transcript, "Companies Quit U.S. Chamber Over Climate Policy," National Public Radio, Oct. 6, 2009 (featuring NRDC Climate Campaign Director Pete Altman)), 17 (List of KCRW appearances by NRDC China Program Director Barbara Finamore, NRDC Water Program Senior Policy Analyst Barry Nelson, and NRDC Climate Center Director Dan Lashof), 18 (conference brochure, "World Business Summit on Climate Change," May 24-26, 2009 (featuring NRDC Director for Market Innovation Rick Duke at 9)), 19 (article, "For climate pact, a step back is sold as first step," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 22, 2009 (featuring NRDC International Climate Policy Director Jake Schmidt)), 20 (article, "Court Showdown Looms for NYC Electronics Recycling Law," *New York Times*, Jan. 5, 2010 (featuring NRDC Attorney Kate Sinding)), 21 (article, "Environmental groups try to block parts of California's green building code," *Los Angeles Times*, Jan. 11, 2010), 22 (article, "An Inconceivable Truth," *Vogue*, Aug. 2007 (featuring NRDC Public Health Scientist Sarah Janssen)), 23 (article, "Green State of the Union," *Deliver Magazine*, Sept. 2009 (written by NRDC communications staff member Francesca Koe)), 24 (article, "Is there a 'proper level' of compliance with environmental law?" *Trends: ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Newsletter*, Jan./Feb. 2008 (authored by NRDC Senior Attorney Michael Wall)), 25 (Research article, "Outcomes of the California Ban on Pharmaceutical Lindane: Clinical and Ecological Impacts," *Environmental Health Perspectives*, March 2008 (co-authored by NRDC Public Health Scientist Sarah Janssen and NRDC Public Health Senior Scientist Gina Solomon)), 26 (publisher's notes to *Clean Energy Common Sense: An American Call to Action on Global Climate Change* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. 2009), by NRDC President Frances Beinecke), and 27 (<http://www.nrdc.org/publications>, NRDC: Publications in Print, Jan. 12, 2010); *see also* Attachments 28-50, discussed below.

NRDC routinely uses FOIA to obtain information from federal agencies that NRDC legal and scientific experts analyze in order to inform the public about a variety of issues, including energy policy, climate change, wildlife protection, nuclear weapons, pesticides, drinking water safety, and air quality. Some specific examples are provided below.

- (1) In October 2008, NRDC issued a report assessing the degree of enforcement of California's environmental and public health laws. This report, *An Uneven Shield: The Record of Enforcement and Violations Under California's Environmental, Health, and Workplace Safety Laws*, examined data on known violations and law enforcement responses under six critical pollution, health, and workplace safety programs (Attachment 28). Much of the data analyzed in the study was obtained through formal FOIA requests. *See id.* at pp. 4, 16.
- (2) NRDC obtained, through a court-enforced FOIA request, records of the operations of the Bush administration's Energy Task Force, headed by Vice President Dick Cheney. It made those records available, along with analysis of selected excerpts and links to the administration's index of withheld documents, on NRDC's website at <http://www.nrdc.org/air/energy/taskforce/tfinx.asp> (Attachment 29). NRDC's efforts helped to inform the public about an issue that, even before the records' release, had attracted considerable attention. *See, e.g.*, Elizabeth Shogren, "Bush Gets One-Two Punch on Energy," *L.A. Times*, Mar. 28, 2002, at A22 (Attachment 30); Bennett Roth, "Houston Energy-Drilling Firm Appears in Documents from Energy Department," *Houston Chronicle*, Apr. 12, 2002, (Attachment 31).
- (3) NRDC obtained, through a FOIA request, a memorandum by ExxonMobil advocating the replacement of a highly respected atmospheric scientist, Dr. Robert Watson, as the head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. NRDC used this memorandum to help inform the public about what may have been behind the decision by the Bush administration to replace Dr. Watson. *See* NRDC Press Release and attached Exxon memorandum, "Confidential Papers Show Exxon Hand in White House Move to Oust Top Scientist from International Global Warming Panel," Apr. 3, 2002, (Attachment 32); Elizabeth Shogren, "Charges Fly Over Science Panel Pick," *L.A. Times*, Apr. 4, 2002, at A19 (Attachment 33).
- (4) NRDC incorporated information obtained through FOIA into a 2005 report, published and provided free of charge at NRDC's website, *see* <http://www.nrdc.org/wildlife/marine/sound/contents.asp>, on the impacts of military sonar and other industrial noise pollution on marine life. *See Sounding the Depths II: The Rising Toll of Sonar, Shipping and Industrial Ocean Noise on Marine Life* (Nov. 2005) (update to 1999 report) (Attachment 34). Since the report's publication, the sonar issue has continued to attract widespread public attention. *See, e.g.*, "Protest Raised over New Tests of Naval Sonar," National Public Radio, *All Things Considered*, July 24, 2007 (transcript at Attachment 35).
- (5) NRDC scientists have used information obtained through FOIA to publish analyses of the United States' and other nations' nuclear weapons

programs. In 2004, for example, NRDC scientists incorporated information obtained through FOIA into a feature article on the United States' plans to deploy a ballistic missile system and the implications for global security. See Hans M. Kristensen, Matthew G. McKinzie, and Robert S. Norris, "The Protection Paradox," *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, Mar./Apr. 2004 (Attachment 36).

- (6) NRDC has used White House documents obtained through FOIA to inform the public about EPA's failures to protect wildlife and workers from the pesticide atrazine in the face of industry pressure to keep atrazine on the market. See <http://www.nrdc.org/health/pesticides/natrazine.asp> (Attachment 37); see also William Souder, "It's Not Easy Being Green: Are Weed-Killers Turning Frogs Into Hermaphrodites?," *Harper's Bazaar*, Aug. 1, 2006 (referencing documents obtained and posted online by NRDC) (Attachment 38).
- (7) NRDC has obtained, through FOIA, information on the levels of arsenic in drinking water supplies across the country. NRDC incorporated much of the information into a report, *Arsenic and Old Laws* (2000), printed and made available online through NRDC's website, see <http://www.nrdc.org/water/drinking/arsenic/aolinx.asp> (Attachment 39), and provided analysis describing its significance and guiding interested members of the public on how to learn more about arsenic in their own drinking water supplies. *Id.*; see also Steve LaRue, "EPA Aims to Cut Levels of Arsenic in Well Water," *San Diego Union-Tribune*, June 5, 2000, at B1 (referencing NRDC report) (Attachment 40).
- (8) In 2000, NRDC used information obtained through FOIA to publish a report analyzing the impacts of manure pollution from large livestock feedlots on human health, fish and wildlife. See NRDC, *Spills & Kills*, Aug. 2000, (Attachment 41).
- (9) In 1999, NRDC obtained, through FOIA, a Defense Department document, *History of the Custody and Deployment of Nuclear Weapons: July 1945 through September 1977*. The document attracted significant press attention once it was disclosed. See, e.g., Walter Pincus, "Study Says U.S. Secretly Placed Bombs; Cold War Deployments Affected Mostly Allies," *Washington Post* (Oct. 20, 1999) at A3 (Attachment 42). One of NRDC's nuclear scientists, Robert Norris, published a detailed analysis of this document explaining its significance to the public. See Robert S. Norris, William M. Arkin, and William Burr, "Where They Were," *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, Nov./Dec. 1999 (Attachment 43).
- (10) In 1996, NRDC obtained, through FOIA, test results regarding lead levels in the District of Columbia's drinking water supplies. NRDC made the test results public along with analysis explaining the significance of the

results. See D'Vera Cohn, "Tap Water Safeguards Still Stalled; City Failed to Tell Some Residents of Excess Lead Contamination," *Washington Post*, Apr. 18, 1996, at J1 (Attachment 44).

- (11) In 1989, NRDC obtained, through FOIA, testimony, previously suppressed by the first Bush administration, by federal experts who opposed oil drilling off the coasts of California and Florida. See Larry Liebert, "Oil Testimony Reportedly Quashed; Environmentalists say Federal Experts Pressured by Bush," *Orange County Register*, Oct. 5, 1989, at A6 (Attachment 45).
- (12) In 1988, NRDC obtained, through FOIA, a report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that declared that the government's review of offshore oil drilling in Northern California was incomplete and overly optimistic. Reagan administration officials had tried to keep the report secret and then repudiated it upon its release. See Eric Lichtblau, "Federal Report Blasts Offshore Oil Studies," *L.A. Times*, June 4, 1988, at A32 (Attachment 46).
- (13) In 1982, NRDC obtained, through a FOIA request, an EPA memorandum stating that most air pollution monitors have repeatedly underestimated levels of toxic lead in the air. NRDC used the memorandum to inform the public about the consequences of EPA's proposal to relax restrictions on lead in gasoline. See Sandra Sugawara, "Lead in Air is Undermeasured, EPA Section Chief's Memo Says," *Washington Post*, July 11, 1982, at A6 (Attachment 47).³

As these examples demonstrate, NRDC has a proven ability to digest and quickly disseminate information gleaned from FOIA requests to a broad audience of interested persons. Therefore, the requested records disclosure is likely to contribute to the public's understanding of the subject.

4. *Significance of the contribution to public understanding*

The records requested shed light on a matter of considerable public interest and concern: NRC's actions, contacts and assessments have received worldwide attention. As just a few examples, see the following media coverage:

³ Information NRDC obtained through FOIA requests resulted in the following articles, in addition to those referenced above: Felicity Barringer, "Science Panel Issues Report on Exposure to Pollutant," *New York Times*, Jan. 11, 2005, (Attachment 48); Katharine Q. Seelye, "Draft of Air Rule is Said to Exempt Many Old Plants," *New York Times*, Aug. 22, 2003 (Attachment 49); Don Van Natta, Jr., "E-Mail Suggests Energy Official Encouraged Lobbyist on Policy," *New York Times*, Apr. 27, 2002 (Attachment 50).

- Matthew Wald and Joseph Berger, *New York Times*, March 20, 2011
<http://www.japantoday.com/category/national/view/u-s-britain-issue-new-alerts-for-nationals-in-areas-north-of-tokyo>
- *The India Times*, March 24, 2011
http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2011-03-24/news/29181437_1_safety-review-nuclear-plants-nuclear-reactors
- *Japan Today*, March 17, 2011
<http://www.japantoday.com/category/national/view/u-s-britain-issue-new-alerts-for-nationals-in-areas-north-of-tokyo>
- Cinthia Briseno, *Der Spiegel*, April 8, 2011
<http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/technik/0.1518.755607.00.html>
- Xinhua News Agency, March 24, 2011
<http://search.news.cn/language/search.jspx?id=en&t=1&t1=0&ss=&ct=&n1=Jaczko>
- Fox Business News, March 28, 2011
<http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/03/28/highly-radioactive-water-leaks-japanese-nuclear-plant/>
- CBS News (Video), March 16, 2011
<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7359857n&tag=mncol:lst:6>

Public understanding of NRC's actions and potential options for domestic action would be significantly enhanced by disclosure of the requested records. Disclosure would help the public to more effectively evaluate NRC's suggested immediate 90 day safety review of the operating nuclear fleet and the six month evaluation proposed by the Chairman. Disclosure would also help the public to better understand and evaluate NRC's actions (or inaction) on the current safety regulations for the domestic fleet, particularly with respect to GE Boiling Water Reactors with Mark I or II containment.

B. NRDC Satisfies the Second Fee Waiver Requirement

Disclosure in this case would also satisfy the second prerequisite of a fee waiver request because NRDC does not have any commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 10 C.F.R. § 9.41(d)(3). NRDC is a not-for-profit organization. "Congress amended FOIA to ensure that it be 'liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters,'" *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rossotti*, 326 F.3d 1309, 1312 (D.C. Cir. 2003) (internal citation omitted); see *Natural Res. Def. Council v. United States Envtl. Prot. Agency*, 581 F. Supp. 2d 491, 498 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). NRDC wishes to serve the public by reviewing, analyzing and disclosing newsworthy and presently non-public information about Japanese nuclear disaster. As noted at Part II.A, any work done by NRC on the Japanese disaster relates to a matter of considerable public interest and concern. Disclosure of the requested records will contribute significantly to public understanding of the Japanese disaster, associated threats to human health and the environment, and associated domestic regulatory options.

C. NRDC is a Media Requester

Even if NRC denies a public interest waiver of all costs and fees, NRDC is a representative of the news media entitled to a reduction of fees under FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii), and NRC's FOIA regulations, 10 C.F.R. § 9.39(a); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 9.13 (defining "[r]epresentative of the news media"). *See Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. v. United States Dep't of Def.*, 241 F. Supp. 2d 5, 6, 11-15 (D.D.C. 2003) (a "non-profit public interest organization" qualifies as a representative of the news media under FOIA where it publishes books and newsletters on issues of current interest to the public); Letter from Alexander C. Morris, FOIA Officer, United States Dep't of Energy, to Joshua Berman, NRDC (Oct. 8, 2009) (Attachment 51) (granting NRDC media requester status). As described earlier in this request, NRDC publishes a quarterly magazine, *OnEarth*, which has approximately 150,000 subscribers and is available at newsstands and bookstores; publishes a regular newsletter for its more than one million members and online activists; issues other electronic newsletters, action alerts, public reports and analyses; and maintains free online libraries of these publications. These publications routinely include information about current events of interest to the readership and the public. NRDC staff members are also regular contributors to numerous periodicals and books; television, radio, and web programs; and hearings and conferences. Finally, as described above, NRDC maintains a significant additional communications presence on the internet through staff blogs and secondary coverage of NRDC communications on websites not affiliated with NRDC. *See OPEN Government Act of 2007*, Pub. L. No. 110-175, § 3, 121 Stat. 2524 (2007) (codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)) (clarifying that "as methods of news delivery evolve . . . such alternative media shall be considered to be news-media entities"). As previously noted, information obtained as a result of this request will, if appropriately newsworthy, be disseminated through one or more of NRDC's publications or other suitable media channels.

III. Willingness to Pay Fees Under Protest

Please provide the records requested above irrespective of the status and outcome of your evaluation of NRDC's fee category assertion and fee waiver request. In order to prevent delay in NRC's provision of the requested records, NRDC states that it will, if necessary and under protest, pay fees in accordance with NRC's FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 9.33 for all or a portion of the requested records. Please consult with NRDC, however, before undertaking any action that would cause the fee to exceed \$100.00. Such payment will not constitute any waiver of NRDC's right to seek administrative or judicial review of any denial of its fee waiver request and/or rejection of its fee category assertion.

IV. Conclusion

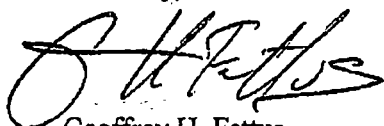
We trust that, in responding to this request, NRC will comply with all relevant deadlines and other obligations set forth in FOIA and NRC's FOIA regulations. *See, e.g.*, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6); 10 C.F.R. § 9.25.

Please produce the records above by emailing or mailing them to me at the NRDC office address listed below. Please produce them on a rolling basis; at no point should

NRC's search for—or deliberations concerning—certain records delay the production of others that NRC has already retrieved and elected to produce. In the event that NRC concludes that some of the records requested above may already be publicly available, we will be happy to discuss those conclusions. Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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FOIA Resource

From: McLaughlin, Jonathan [jmcLaughlin@nrdc.org]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 12:09 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Cc: Fettus, Geoffrey
Subject: FOIA Request for Records Regarding Information on Nuclear Incident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant
Attachments: FOIA Request NRC Fukushima April 2011.PDF

Dear FOIA Officer:

Attached is a FOIA request from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) for records regarding information on the nuclear incident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. The paper copy, along with a CD with documents in support of our request for a fee waiver, was sent via FedEx today, and should be arriving next week. Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2011-0191
Date Rec'd: 4-18-11
Specialist: APR 18
Related Case: _____

FOIA Resource

From: roberta.rampton@thomsonreuters.com
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 10:50 PM
To: FOIA Resource
Cc: roberta.rampton@thomsonreuters.com
Subject: Reuters - Freedom of Information Act request / FOIAs related to Japan's emergency

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am writing to request a copy of the documents that the NRC releases as a result of the following Freedom of Information Act requests relating to the crisis in Japan :

- FOIA/PA-2011-0118
- FOIA/PA-2011-0119
- FOIA/PA-2011-0120
- FOIA/PA-2011-0121
- FOIA/PA-2011-0128
- FOIA/PA-2011-0136
- FOIA/PA-2011-0137
- FOIA/PA-2011-0138
- FOIA/PA-2011-0139
- FOIA/PA-2011-0140
- FOIA/PA-2011-0141
- FOIA/PA-2011-0142
- FOIA/PA-2011-0166

The NRC posted these requests on its website on April 5 at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/japan-foia-info.html>
I am asking for copies of the documents by FOIA request number to avoid duplication of effort, as advised by Donna L. Sealing, a public liaison with the NRC's FOIA office, in a telephone conversation on April 5.

Please release the information pursuant to my requests as it becomes available and is released to the requestors, rather than waiting to send me all the material I have requested.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a reporter with Reuters and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use.

I am requesting a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Given the current debate underway about nuclear power regulation in the wake of the Fukushima disaster in Japan, it is of the public interest to know the details about the NRC's oversight of the situation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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