

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

2016-0356

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REQUESTER:

David Lochbaum

DATE:

APR 19 2016

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

copies of all videos shown during session TH 32 - Improving Realism in Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessments" on March 20, 2015 during the Regulatory Information Conference, plus all other videos in the NRC's possession of high energy arc fault testing conducted since January 1, 2013.

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are already available in public ADAMS or on microfiche in the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (see comments section) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☒ See Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

AMOUNT*

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*See Comments for details

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You will be billed by NRC for the amount listed.

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None. Minimum fee threshold not met.

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You will receive a refund for the amount listed.

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Fees waived.

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

- ☐ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- ☒ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.
- ☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.
- ☒ You may appeal this final determination within 30 calendar days of the date of this response by sending a letter or email to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov. Please be sure to include on your letter or email that it is a "FOIA Appeal."

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

The incoming request will be made available in ADAMS as ML16074A006. Records with an ML accession number are publicly available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. If you need assistance in obtaining these records, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at 301-415-4737, or 1-800-397-4209, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

This response addresses the second part of your request for all HEAF testing videos since January 1, 2013. [continued on next page]

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICER

Roger D. Andoh

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PART I.C COMMENTS (Continued)

These testing videos were conducted under the auspices of the OECD/NEA High Energy Arcing Fault Events (HEAF) Project, which is an ongoing project. You may want to view the OECD's description of this project, which may be found at <https://www.oecd-nea.org/nsd/docs/2015/csni-r2015-10.pdf>.

The images contained in these videos are only a portion of the entire ongoing project. The remainder of the project, being developed collaboratively by the NRC and its international partners, is still under development, analysis and other consideration by NRC staff and our international partners. Premature release of the videos, without any other context, may confuse and mislead the public regarding their context and understanding of the issue and may adversely affect the international cooperation so integral to these matters. We have been advised by NRC staff that the project is expected to be completed within the next twelve months.

Please also note that, since our issuance of interim response #1, NRC has learned that it will be unable to obtain a copy of the digital video clips that were part of Mr. Kabashima's presentation.