

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Meeting Summary

March 23, 2016

Title: FOIA Public Meeting

Meeting Identifier: 20151847

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Location: NRC Two White Flint North, Auditorium

Type of Meeting: Category 3

Purpose of the Meeting(s):

To provide the public with a status update on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) program, discuss the role of the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), and discuss items of interest related to NRC's FOIA program.

General Details:

The NRC conducted a Category 3 public meeting where members of the public met with NRC staff and asked questions related to the FOIA process and proactive disclosures. The meeting was held from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST in the Two White Flint Auditorium. Five NRC staff members and OGIS gave presentations. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. William "Butch" Burton, an NRC in-house facilitator. Mr. Burton provided meeting ground rules and the purpose of the meeting before beginning by introducing Mr. Fred Brown, Acting Chief Information Officer. Mr. Brown introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Nikki Gramian, Deputy Director of the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Records and Archives Administration. A summary of Ms. Gramian's presentation, in addition to those given by the other meeting participants are summarized below. A full transcript of the meeting is included as an attachment to this meeting summary.

There were 21 NRC staff and 5 members of the public in attendance, and 31 people called into the meeting.

Summary of Presentations:

Ms. Nikki Gramian provided a briefing on the role of OGIS in the FOIA community. She discussed the major objectives initiations related to her program which includes providing mediation on FOIA cases and their mediation process and compliance assessments.

Mr. Michael Johnson, NRC's Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs, briefly discussed increasing proactive disclosures.

Dr. Kimyata Morgan Butler, Chief of the NRC's FOIA, Privacy, and Information Collection Branch discussed FOIA programmatic goals and improvements since the first FOIA public meeting was held on October 7, 2014. Improvements included additional training and increasing technology, transparency, and consistency.

Mr. Roger Andoh, NRC's FOIA Officer, provided examples of increased technology, training, and communication and discussed how that has helped to decrease the FOIA backlog. Roger also discussed requester fee categories and the collection of FOIA fees. Mr. Andoh also led a question and answer session for meeting participants.

Attachments:

- Meeting announcement and agenda - [ML15338A172](#)
- Presentations – [ML16082A057](#), [ML16085A035](#)
- Meeting transcript - [ML16104A056](#)