



# RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA — 92-33

RESPONSE TYPE

XX FINAL PARTIAL

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REQUESTER

John Fosholt

## PART I.—AGENCY RECORDS RELEASED OR NOT LOCATED (See checked boxes)

No agency records subject to the request have been located.

X No additional agency records subject to the request have been located. \*

Requested records are available through another public distribution program. See Comments section.

Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) \_\_\_\_\_ are already available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) \_\_\_\_\_ are being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number.

The nonproprietary version of the proposal(s) that you agreed to accept in a telephone conversation with a member of my staff is now being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number.

Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) \_\_\_\_\_ may be inspected and copied at the NRC Local Public Document Room identified in the Comments section.

Enclosed is information on how you may obtain access to and the charges for copying records located at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.

Records subject to the request have been referred to another Federal agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

## Fees

You will be billed by the NRC for fees totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

You will receive a refund from the NRC in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

In view of NRC's response to this request, no further action is being taken on appeal letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

## PART II. A.—INFORMATION WITHHELD FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Certain information in the requested records is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to the exemptions described in and for the reasons stated in Part II, B, C, and D. Any released portions of the documents for which only part of the record is being withheld are being made available for public inspection and copying in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC in a folder under this FOIA number.

## COMMENTS

\*We suggest that you also write to the Department of Energy at the below address. In addition, a document entitled ERDA 77-68, "Report of SSNM Inventory Differences," August 1977 (MUF during 1960-1966) is subject to your request. This document is available through the Department of Energy.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-92-33

Rec'd 1-23-92

Dear Mr. Grimsley:

This request is made under the federal Freedom of Information Act. I am looking for information relating to a quantity of Uranium-235 supplied by the Nuclear Materials & Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) in Apollo, PA, to Coors Porcelain Company in Golden, CO, during 1961-1964. I want to determine whether 200 pounds of U-235 from "Project Pluto" was returned to NUMEC for recycling, as planned.

I am prepared to pay reasonable search and duplication fees if so required; however, I request waiver of fees because I am a journalist working on a story that may benefit the general public.

I understand some AEC records may be exempt from release, but I would point out that Project Pluto technology was declassified by the AEC in 1973, according to page 126 of the Nov 26, 1973 Defense/Space Daily. If some portions of the requested documents remain classified, please send me the unclassified sections.

I do not have specific names and numbers of documents, but I will describe the types of material I hope to find:

NRC reports relating to Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation's U-235 inventory and/or inventory losses (MUF) during the years 1960-1966; such reports could be filed under Babcock & Wilcox, NUMEC's successor.

Reports received by the AEC from Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation, 1960-66, relating specifically to U-235 shipped to or received from Coors Porcelain Company, Golden, Colorado. Coors was working on Project Pluto for the AEC and USAF, under Subcontract 165 from the Lawrence Radiation Laboratories. A final operation report may have been issued in 1964.

Reports to the AEC from NUMEC or Babcock & Wilcox, relating to uranium-beryllium scrap (reprocessing, storage or disposal) at the NUMEC facility in Apollo during the years 1960-1966.

Please telephone me at (303) 893-9000, extension 232, if I can help clarify which records are applicable to my request. My fax number is (303) 893-5339.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
John Fosholt

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