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FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all letters denying license applications for the last ten years, including but not limited to the licenses and license renewals for reactors, fuel facilities, waste management and disposal.

I would like to receive the information in PDF format or Zip files.

I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request up to \$20. Please notify me before incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Fee Categorization

For fee categorization purposes, I am a representative of the news media. Through this request, I am gathering information for my journalistic work as a freelancer. Accordingly, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); id. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(II).

Request for Fee Waiver

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is not primarily in my commercial interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). I am requesting a fee waiver because I am a member of the news media and my request is part of a news gathering effort, not for commercial use. 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.

Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions and statutes, as applicable. For each withholding please also explain why your agency “reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption” or why “disclosure is prohibited by law[.]” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i).

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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