

## FOIA/PA REQUEST

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Desc: NRC comments and supporting materials on behalf of ISCORS to the IAEA on DS 161 Application of the Concepts of Exclusion, Exemption and Clearance. Comments by Bob Meck and any others.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents and communications prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to above item.

For any portion of the request that you deem appropriate to deny, NIRS requests that you describe the information that is denied, identify the exception to the FOIA on which you rely, and explain how that exception applies to the withheld information.

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Expedite\_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite\_UrgencyToInform: on

**Expedite\_UrgencyToInformText:** NIRS has had an ongoing public interest in the issue of exempting or clearing radioactive materials from regulatory control. NRC's comments represented the United States in development of an international document on this topic. NRC and some of the other ISCORS member agencies have ongoing rulemakings on this issue. We seek to learn and report to the public what the US position was that NRC provided to the international radiation community on this issue of high interest to us and the public.

**Waiver\_Purpose:** The purpose of the request is to gather information on the exemption and clearance of low activity radioactive waste and materials, specifically the US comments on this made to the IAEA on behalf of all the US radiation agencies (ISCORS).

**Waiver\_ExtentToExtractAnalyze:** NIRS is qualified to make use of the requested information. The staff has demonstrated the ability to interpret information and communicate that information in a form comprehensible to the general public. Members of the NIRS staff have published articles in such national journals as The Progressive, Nuclear Times, Newsday and Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. NIRS is quoted as a reliable source of information on nuclear issues in newspapers across the country, including the New York Times, The Washington Post, and The San Francisco Chronicle.

NIRS has a working relationship with attorneys, physicists, nuclear engineers, medical doctors, and other respected professionals who contribute to the full understanding of technical records.

**Waiver\_SpecificActivityQuals:** NIRS seeks the requested information solely to contribute to and help shape the public debate on adequate worker and public health and safety. NIRS intends to use the information in order to advance the concerns for public understanding and safety.

**Waiver\_ImpactPublicUnderstanding:** Some members of the public are aware that US agencies including NRC are releasing some nuclear waste into commerce and that NRC, DOE and EPA have ongoing rulemakings on the subject. What they don't know is that the subject is being dealt with on an international scale and that the US agencies are involved in that international process. The information will enable the public to put the US efforts into a larger context-the international one. It will also help the public understand the role the US agencies play in developing international nuclear recommendations for public health and safety.

**Waiver\_NatureOfPublic:** The general public- those that listen to radio and read newspapers could learn about this information. The public interest community-those that follow consumer and environmental issues will learn about it. The NIRS members (several thousand) that read our newsletter will learn about it. First responders, emergency response personnel, transport workers and other industries with affected workers will be informed if the content appears to affect them.

**Waiver\_MeansOfDissemination:** Our newsletter would be the main way to disseminate the information. If it turns out to be quite newsworthy, we will do press work.

**Waiver\_FreeToPublicOrFee:** We will not charge for this information.

**Waiver\_PrivateCommericalInterest:** No commercial interest by NIRS or any other party.

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