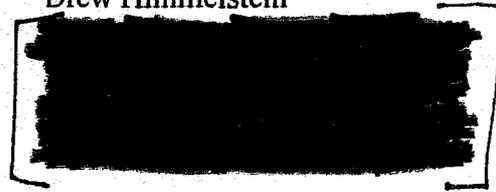


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FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No.: 2006-0118
Date Rec'd: 2-14-06
Specialist: POOL
Related Case: _____

Russell A. Nichols
FOIA/PA Officer
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. I request the first three pages of the strategic plan developed to meet the requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7, which requires Federal departments and agencies to "identify and prioritize United States critical infrastructure and key resources and to protect them from terrorist attacks." The plan should respond to this mandate as it pertains to the purview of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. If more than one document has been developed in response to the demands of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7, I request that my excerpt be taken from the most recent document that addresses its requirements in depth.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested records will further the "public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest" of the requester.

I am requesting this records under the aegis of Understanding Government, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to improving the performance of federal, state, and local government. Created in 1999 by Charles Peters, founding editor of *The Washington Monthly*, Understanding Government supports journalists and scholars willing to undertake the in-depth analysis and serious reporting necessary to help Americans understand how their government works. Understanding Government disseminates information about its activities to thousands of concerned citizens, federal employees, policymakers, and the media via email, direct mail, and its website, www.understandinggov.org. It also hosts an online forum and weekly live online discussion devoted to issues affecting the executive branch. The information provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be used for publication in reports issued by Understanding Government and posted on its website. Reports underwritten by Understanding Government have also appeared in such publications as *The Washington Monthly* and *The Washington Post*.

If this document request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption.

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." I may appeal this request if it is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days. I am aware that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs" per 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me by telephone at [REDACTED] if this request requires further clarification. Also, if my request for a fee waiver is denied, please contact me before incurring more than \$35.00 worth of charges. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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