

**RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) / PRIVACY
ACT (PA) REQUEST**

2006-0115

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RESPONSE
TYPE ☐ FINAL ☒ PARTIAL

REQUESTER

Paul Gunter

DATE

MAY 19 2006

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☐ No additional agency records subject to the request have been located.
- ☐ Requested records are available through another public distribution program. See Comments section.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** Agency records subject to the request that are identified in the listed appendices are already available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** Agency records subject to the request that are identified in the listed appendices are being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room.
- ☐ Enclosed is information on how you may obtain access to and the charges for copying records located at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.
- ☐ **APPENDICES** Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (see comments section) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☒ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☐ See Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

- AMOUNT *** ☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount listed. ☐ None. Minimum fee threshold not met.
- \$ ☐ You will receive a refund for the amount listed. ☐ Fees waived.
- * See comments for details

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☐ No agency records subject to the request have been located.
- ☒ Certain information in the requested records is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to the exemptions described in and for the reasons stated in Part II.
- ☒ This determination may be appealed within 30 days by writing to the FOIA/PA Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "FOIA/PA Appeal."

PART I.C COMMENTS (Use attached Comments continuation page if required)

There are 195 pages of personal records subject to your request. Since these records are not agency records subject to the FOIA, they are not being provided to you.

The incoming FOIA/PA-2006-0115 request is located in ADAMS at ML060460387.

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

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PART II.A - APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS**APPENDICES****F**

Records subject to the request that are described in the enclosed Appendices are being withheld in their entirety or in part under the Exemption No.(s) of the PA and/or the FOIA as indicated below (5 U.S.C. 552a and/or 5 U.S.C. 552(b)).

- ☐ Exemption 1: The withheld information is properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958.
- ☐ Exemption 2: The withheld information relates solely to the internal personnel rules and procedures of NRC.
- ☐ Exemption 3: The withheld information is specifically exempted from public disclosure by statute indicated.
- ☐ Sections 141-145 of the Atomic Energy Act, which prohibits the disclosure of Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data (42 U.S.C. 2161-2165).
- ☐ Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act, which prohibits the disclosure of Unclassified Safeguards Information (42 U.S.C. 2167).
- ☐ 41 U.S.C., Section 253b, subsection (m)(1), prohibits the disclosure of contractor proposals in the possession and control of an executive agency to any person under section 552 of Title 5, U.S.C. (the FOIA), except when incorporated into the contract between the agency and the submitter of the proposal.
- ☐ Exemption 4: The withheld information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is being withheld for the reason(s) indicated.
- ☐ The information is considered to be confidential business (proprietary) information.
- ☐ The information is considered to be proprietary because it concerns a licensee's or applicant's physical protection or material control and accounting program for special nuclear material pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1).
- ☐ The information was submitted by a foreign source and received in confidence pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(d)(2).
- ☒ Exemption 5: The withheld information consists of interagency or intraagency records that are not available through discovery during litigation. Applicable privileges:
- ☒ Deliberative process: Disclosure of predecisional information would tend to inhibit the open and frank exchange of ideas essential to the deliberative process. Where records are withheld in their entirety, the facts are inextricably intertwined with the predecisional information. There also are no reasonably segregable factual portions because the release of the facts would permit an indirect inquiry into the predecisional process of the agency.
- ☐ Attorney work-product privilege. (Documents prepared by an attorney in contemplation of litigation)
- ☐ Attorney-client privilege. (Confidential communications between an attorney and his/her client)
- ☒ Exemption 6: The withheld information is exempted from public disclosure because its disclosure would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- ☐ Exemption 7: The withheld information consists of records compiled for law enforcement purposes and is being withheld for the reason(s) indicated.
- ☐ (A) Disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with an enforcement proceeding (e.g., it would reveal the scope, direction, and focus of enforcement efforts, and thus could possibly allow recipients to take action to shield potential wrongdoing or a violation of NRC requirements from investigators).
- ☐ (C) Disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- ☐ (D) The information consists of names of individuals and other information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to reveal identities of confidential sources.
- ☐ (E) Disclosure would reveal techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or guidelines that could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.
- ☐ (F) Disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.
- ☐ OTHER (Specify)

PART II.B - DENYING OFFICIALS

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.25(g), 9.25(h), and/or 9.65(b) of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, it has been determined that the information withheld is exempt from production or disclosure, and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The person responsible for the denial are those officials identified below as denying officials and the FOIA/PA Officer for any denials that may be appealed to the Executive Director for Operations (EDO).

DENYING OFFICIAL	TITLE/OFFICE	RECORDS DENIED	APPELLATE OFFICIAL		
			EDO	SECY	IG
James E. Dyer	Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation	Appendix F/41-F/49	✓		
James L. Caldwell	Regional Administrator, RIII	Appendix F/1-40, F/50, F/51	✓		

Appeal must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of this response. Appeals should be mailed to the FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, for action by the appropriate appellate official(s). You should clearly state on the envelope and letter that it is a "FOIA/PA Appeal."

**APPENDIX F
RECORDS BEING WITHHELD IN THEIR ENTIRETY**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/(PAGE COUNT)/EXEMPTIONS</u>
1	Undated	Braidwood Questions Not to Answer (1 page) (Exemption 5)
2	Undated	Letter to Christopher M. Crane re: Cessation of Radioactive Discharges to the Kankakee River Through Blowdown Line (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
3	Undated	Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Power Plant, Revision 1 (21 pages) (Exemption 5)
4	Undated	Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contaminations of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1: Braidwood Tritium Communication Plan 3.wpd (18 pages) (Exemption 5)
5	Undated	Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1: Braidwood Tritium Communication Plan Rev 1.wpd (17 pages) (Exemption 5)
6	Undated	Note - Handwritten (1 page) (Exemption 6)
7	Undated	Response (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
8	Undated	Attachment 71122.01(6 pages) (Exemption 5)
9	Undated	Braidwood Groundwater Contamination (Update) (1 page) Ex 5
10	Undated	AMS No. Riil-06-A-0XXX Each stated concern... (1 page) Exemption 5
11.	Undated	Braidwood 4 th Quarter Exit Notes (1 page) (Exemption 5)
12.	Undated	Draft Letter to Exelon CEO re: Cessation of Radioactive Discharges to the Kankakee River Through Blowdown Line (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
13.	Undated	Draft Communication Plan for Tritium Contamination in Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (15 pages) (Exemption 5)

14. Undated Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program (3 pages) (Exemption 5)
15. Undated Draft - Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1 (18 pages) (Exemption 5)
16. 01/26/2006 Ground-Water Monitoring (Tritium) Inspection Plan (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
17. 02/00/2006 Draft NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-XX w/handwritten notes (7 pages) (Exemption 5)
18. 02/09/2006 NRC email from Ray to Lickus re: Comment from meeting at Godley (1 page) (Exemptions 5)
19. 02/03/2006 Draft, Preliminary Notification re: Potential Off-Site Migration of Tritium Contamination (3rd Update) (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
20. 02/03/2006 Draft, Preliminary Notification re: Potential Off-Site Migration of Tritium Contamination (3rd Update) (5 pages) (Exemption 5)
21. 02/02/2006 NRC email from Anne Boland to Steven Orth re: Fwd: Kankakee IL Daily Journal stories on Braidwood tritium (1 page) (Exemption 5)
22. 01/18/2006 Preliminary Notification re: Potential Off-Site Migration of Tritium Contamination (Update) (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
23. 01/03/06 E-Mail from Holmberg to House, Braidwood Buried Pipe Input (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
24. 01/01/2006 Braidwood Nuclear Power Station Units 1 & 2 2005 End-of-Cycle Plant Safety Performance Summary (9 pages) (Exemption 5)
25. 12/00/2005 Draft Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1 (16 pages) (Exemption 5)
26. 12/00/2005 Draft Memo from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (9 pages) (Exemption 5)
27. 12/00/2005 Draft Memo from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (11 pages) (Exemption 5)
28. 12/00/05 Draft Memo to William Dean From James Caldwell re:

- Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Power Plant, Revision 1 (18 pages) (Exemption 5)
29. 12/00/2005 Draft - Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1 (16 pages) (Exemption 5)
30. 12/00/2005 Draft - NRC Memo, Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (10 pages) (Exemption 5)
31. 12/01/2005 Preliminary Notification re: Potential Off-Site Migration of Tritium Contamination (4 pages) (Exemption 5)
32. 12/01/2005 NRC email from Jan Strasma to Anne Boland et al re: Suggested Qs in need of As (1 page) (Exemption 5)
33. 12/01/2005 Draft - PN (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
34. 12/00/2005 Draft Memorandum (rev1) from James L. Caldwell to William M. Dean re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (13 pages) (Ex. 5)
35. 12/06/2005 NRC email from Anne Boland to Cynthia Pederson et al re: Comm Plan Meeting Actions (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
36. 12/06/2005 Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant (12 pages) (Exemption 5)
37. 12/09/2005 Braidwood Plant Inspection Plan (3 pages) (Exemption 5)
38. 12/13/2005 NRC email from Strasma to Boland et al re: Braidwood meeting with nearby residents (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
39. 12/15/2005 NRC email from Steven Orth to John House re: N. Shah's notes from Braidwood Meeting on Monday (1 page) (Exemption 5)
40. 12/29/2005 Memo to William Dean from James Caldwell re: Communication Plan: Tritium Contamination of Groundwater at Braidwood Nuclear Plant, Revision 1 (16 pages) (Exemption 5)
41. Undated Draft document Re: Problem Statement: There is currently no apparent regulatory position, policy, or guidance... groundwater contamination caused by NRC licensed activities (3 pages) (Exemption 5)
42. Undated Draft document Re: Braidwood Groundwater Contamination (1

pages) (Exemption 5)

43. 12/29/05 E-mail B. Boger, NRR, to S. Klementowicz, NRR, Re: Braidwood Tritium Update (1 page), (Exemption 5)
44. 01/05/06 E-mail B. Boger, NRR, to S. Klementowicz, M. Case, NRR, Re: Braidwood Tritium Leak (1 page) (Exemption 5)
45. 01/06/06 E-mail T. Frye, NRR, to S. Klementowicz, NRR, Re: Braidwood Tritium Leak (1 page) (Exemption 5)
46. 01/18/06 E-mail S. Klementowicz, NRR, to J. White, RI, Re: NRR Philosophy (1 page) (Exemption 5)
47. 02/06/06 E-mail T. Frye, NRR, to P. Hiland et al., NRR, Re: Braidwood conf call (1 page) (Exemption 5)_
48. 02/15/06 E-mail M. Chawla, NRR, to A. Boland, RIII, et al., , Re: Braidwood Tritium Inspection - Update (2 pages) (Exemption 5)
49. 02/16/06 E-mail M. Case, NRR, to T. Martin, NRR, Re: Braidwood Tritium Inspection - Update (1 page) (Exemption 5)
50. 02/8/06 E-Mail from Orth to Phillips, EDO Daily (1 page) (Exemption 5)
51. 02/02/06 E-mail from Boland to Orth, Kankaree IL Daily Journal Stories on Braidwood Tritium (1 page) (Exemption 5)