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I am writing under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to request monitoring and enforcement data from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. These data will be used as part of ongoing research that I am conducting on the nature of the federal bureaucracy. No remuneration will be sought or received as a result of the acquisition of these data. The results of the data analysis will be used for academic research and classroom instruction purposes only.

I request data on the monthly number of monitoring and enforcement activities for the earliest month and year for which data are available to the last month and year for which data are available (e.g., January 1970 to February 2007). With regard to specific data requests, your website notes, "Inspections are an important element of NRC's oversight of its licensees. NRC conducts inspections to ensure that licensees meet NRC's regulatory requirements. When licensees meet these requirements, we know that they are most likely conducting safe operations that protect the public and the environment from any undue nuclear risk.

NRC conducts inspections of licensed nuclear power plants, fuel cycle facilities, and radioactive materials activities and operations. Inspectors follow guidance in the NRC Inspection Manual, which contains objectives and procedures to use for each type of inspection. If an inspection shows that a licensee is not safely conducting an activity or safely operating a facility, we inform the licensee of any problems that we find and ensure that they are addressed. We continue to inspect that activity or facility until the problems are corrected.

NRC's regional offices in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; Lisle, Illinois; and Arlington, Texas, carry out the NRC's inspection program. In addition to region-based inspectors, the NRC stations inspectors, called "resident inspectors," at each

of the nation's operating nuclear plants and fuel cycle facilities to carry out the inspection program on a day-to-day basis.

The NRC has a comprehensive program of inspections for commercial nuclear power plants. Generally, inspectors verify that the organizational structure, operator qualifications, design, maintenance, fuel handling, and environmental and radiation protection programs are adequate and comply with NRC safety requirements.

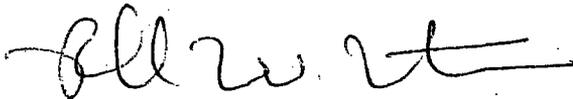
The NRC conducts about 2,000 inspections of nuclear material licensees a year. These inspections cover areas such as training of personnel who use materials, radiation protection programs, radiation patient dose records, and security of nuclear materials."

I request data on a monthly basis on the number of NRC inspections conducted.

Your website also notes, "The NRC's Enforcement Program supports the NRC's overall safety mission in protecting the public and the environment. Consistent with that purpose, enforcement action is used as a deterrent to emphasize the importance of compliance with regulatory requirements and to encourage prompt identification and prompt, comprehensive correction of violations."

I also request monthly data on the number of NRC enforcement actions. Please feel free to contact me at either [ ] or at [ ] if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,



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Professor