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Desc: 1. Final version and any draft versions of an NRC document titled "An Analysis of Excursions at Selected In Situ Uranium Mines in Wyoming and Texas," by Staub, et al. The draft 1985 or 1986 document is referenced in a letter from Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories to David Brooks, NRC, dated March 10, 1986. The accession number of the Battelle letter is ML032580971.

2. Any other comments by NRC staff, other federal or state agencies, or contractors on the report requested.

A PDF version of the documents, sent electronically, would be preferred.

FeeCategory: Educational

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Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite_UrgencyToInform: on

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText: The requested records are pertinent to the requestor and the public, due to the numerous proposed ISL uranium recovery operations that are subject to new and amended license requests AND are subject to the proposed GEIS for uranium milling that is now being developed as a draft GEIS document by NRC staff (having gone through the scoping process).

Waiver_Purpose: The purpose of this request is to gather pertinent information on ISL uranium recovery operations that are currently the subject of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement process. The information in the document will be reviewed and the document will be posted on the Uranium Watch website (<http://www.uraniumwatch.org>) for the public to view.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: The information in the document should provide data on the actual operation of ISL uranium recovery facilities. Requestor will analyze the number, extent, and impacts of ISL excursions. Requestor should be able to get an idea of the NRC staff and Agreement State response to the occurrence of excursions and the problems and solutions associated with ISL uranium recovery.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The documents will provide information that is relevant to an understanding of the environmental impacts of ISL uranium recovery operations. The documents would provide information regarding the extent to which there have been excursions at these operations, how the NRC and the licensees handled these excursions. Requestor is participating in the GEIS process and has submitted comments. Though not an "expert," requestor has a basic understanding of the ISL process and its potential impacts. The documents requested will be posted on the Uranium Watch website, along with an analysis of the information in the records.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: It is unclear if there is other data in one document that provides information on ISL excursions in Texas and Wyoming, along with an NRC analysis of that information. The documents would give a new perspective on the NRC's consideration of possible releases of radioactive materials from ISL operations. It is unclear why the report was not made publicly available back in the 1980s.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: The public would be anyone with access to ADAMS and with access to the Internet to be able to view the Uranium Watch website. The public who would be interested would be members of communities that would be impacted by ISL operations and would include the hundreds of citizens and members of organizations that made scoping comments on the proposed GEIS for ISL uranium recovery. The scoping for the GEIS was noticed in the Federal Register on July 24, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 40344-40346).

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: The documents and requestor's analysis will be posted on the Uranium Watch website, and an announcement of its availability will be sent to various interested organizations and individuals.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Access to the information is free.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: To the best of my knowledge, I have no commerical or other private interest that would be furthered by the release of the requested records.

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From: Sarah Fields [sarahmfields@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2008 8:35 AM
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Subject: April 9 FOIA Request

Hello,

Yesterday I submitted a FOIA request for a draft and final document entitled "An Analysis of Excursions at Selected In Situ Uranium Mines in Wyoming and Texas," by Staub, et al.

I found another reference to this document, where it is identified as NUREG/CR-3967. The document is referenced on page 11-8 of the "Generic Environmental Report in Support of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In Situ Uranium Recovery Facilities" submitted to the NRC by the National Mining Association on November 30, 2007:

[ML080170159](#)

The reference reads:

"NRC. 1986b. Staub, W.P., et al. NUREG/CR-3967, An Analysis of Excursions at Selected In Situ Uranium Mines in Wyoming and Texas Washington, DC. June."

Thank you,

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