



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

2009-0225

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RESPONSE TYPE  FINAL  PARTIAL

REQUESTER

Scott Branson

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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 **A** 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 **A** 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 \*

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- 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)

The incoming FOIA/PA-2009-0214 is located in ADAMS at ML091950499.

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

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

APPENDICES  
**B**

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.
  - Low 2 Internal matters of a relatively trivial nature.
  - High 2 Disclosure would risk circumvention of a legal requirement.
- 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).
  - Disclosure will harm an identifiable private or governmental interest.
- 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 |      |    |
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|                   |                                  |                | EDO                | SECY | IG |
| Samuel J. Collins | Regional Administrator, Region I | See Appendix B | ✓                  |      |    |
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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 A**  
**RECORDS BEING RELEASED IN THEIR ENTIRETY**

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION/(PAGE COUNT)</u>   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| 1.         | 2/3/81      | Memo from B. Grier, NRC to D. Thompson, NRC,<br>Subj: Inspection Report, Nuclear Metals, Inc. (9 pages)                                   |
| 2.         | 12/8/81     | Memo from J. Kinneman, NRC to A. Grella, NRC,<br>Subj: Evaluation of Bioassay Data, Nuclear Metals, Inc.<br>(NMI) (4 pages)               |
| 3.         | 12/30/81    | Letter from R. Haynes, NRC to Dr. J. Hursch, subj:<br>Confirmation of consultant agreement. (12 pages)                                    |
| 4.         | 3/1/82      | Letter from NMI to J. Kinneman, subj: Report on<br>1981 Last Qtr Skin Dose on NMI Employees, (17 pages)                                   |
| 5.         | 1/21/86     | Letter from NMI to Region I Administrator, subj:<br>Notification of Incident, (2 pages)   |
| 6.         | 2/13/86     | Letter from Atomic Energy Control Board, Canada to<br>Mr. A. Grella, NRC, subj: Damaged Package Containing<br>Depleted Uranium, (5 pages) |
| 7.         | 3/13/86     | Memo from L. Cobb, NRC to J. Joyner, NRC, subj:<br>Damaged Export Shipment by NMI, (1 page)   |
| 8.         | 9/16/88     | Letter from A. Carpenito, NMI to T. Oberg, NRC,<br>Subj: Missing Licensed Material, (2 pages)   |
| 9.         | 8/1/89      | Letter from NMI to South Carolina Dept of Health & Envir.<br>Control, subj: Report of Investigation, (12 pages)                           |
| 10.        | 8/29/90     | Letter from Nevada Bureau of Regulatory Health Services to<br>NMI, re; Shipment of Radioactive Waste. (2 pages)                           |
| 11.        | 10/3/91     | Letter from NMI to NRC, subj: Remediation of Banking,<br>(6 pages)  |
| 12.        | 3/10/92     | Letter from NMI to NRC, subj: Supplemental Response, re;<br>Uranium Uptake Evaluation of Individual, (5 pages)                            |
| 13.        | 4/6/93      | Letter from NRC to Senator John Kerry, re; Response<br>to Inquiry on NMI, (4 pages)   |

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| 14.        | 6/30/93     | Memo from J. Austin, NRC to R. Bellamy, NRC, subj: Review of NMI Holding Basin Characterization Report, (3 pages)                 |
| 15.        | 8/15/94     | Notice of Licensee Meeting, (2 pages)   |
| 16.        | 11/3/95     | Memo from M. Weber, NRC to J. Kinneman, NRC, subj: Review of NMI Request for Exemption (2 pages)                                  |
| 17.        | 2/26/96     | Preliminary Notification of Event, NMI, re; Fire in Liquid Radioactive Waste Processing System (2 pages)                          |
| 18.        | 2/29/96     | NMI Office Memo, subj: Report of Finding, Sonodyne Vent Fire, 2/21/96 (6 pages)   |
| 19.        | undated     | Letter from NMI to NRC Ops Center; subj: Report of Sonodyne Incident of 2/21/96   |
| 20.        | 3/1/96      | Preliminary Notification of Event, NMI, re; UPDATE: Fire in Liquid Radioactive Waste Processing System (1 page)                   |
| 21.        | 3/14/96     | NMI Office Memo, subj: Report of Defect Sonodyne Thermocouple (2 pages)   |
| 22.        | 3/15/96     | Fax to NRC Operations Center from F. Vumbaco, NMI, 10 CFR Part 21 Report of Findings (6 pages)                                    |
| 23.        | 6/14/96     | Memo to C. Wahl, NRC from M. Federline, NRC, Subj: Response to Request for Partial Exemption... NMI, (4 pages)                    |
| 24.        | 9/1996      | Draft Environmental Assessment for NMI, (9 pages)   |
| 25.        | 10/23/96    | Memo to R. Bellamy, NRC to M. Weber, NRC, subj: Technical Assistance Request – Army Statement of Intent Related to NMI, (1 pages) |

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| 26.        | 11/4/96     | Letter to E. macdonald Massachusetts DEP from R. Bellamy, NRC, subj: Revision to Draft Environmental Assessment...NMI (3 pages) |
| 27.        | 12/12/96    | Memo to D. Cool, NRC from C. Hehl, NRC, subj: Action Plan for Pending Renewal with Non-Compliance... (11 pages)                 |
| 28.        | 12/13/78    | Letter to Dir, NMSS from A.R. Gilman, NMI, Subj: License Amendment (1 page)   |
| 29.        | 2/9/79      | Letter to NMI from N. Bassin, NRC, subj: NRC Materials License Supplementary Sheet (1 page)                                     |
| 30.        | 11/5/79     | Letter to NRC Div. of Materials Licensing from A.R. Gilamn, NMI, subj: License Amendment Application... (15 pages)              |
| 31.        | 3/31/80     | Letter to NMI from NRC, subj: NRC Materials License Supplementary sheet (1 page)  |
| 32.        | 7/20/84     | Letter to A.R. Gilman, NMI from G. Bennington, NRC, Subj: Reporting Requirements, (1 page)                                      |
| 33.        | 5/17/95     | Letter to F. Vumbaco, NMI from P. Santiago, NRC, Subj: Environmental Assessment w/enclosures (3 pages)                          |
| 34.        | 10/1/97     | Memo to C. Seelig, NRC from J. Hickey, NRC, subj: Data for Future Budgets w/Attachements (3 pages)                              |
| 35.        | 6/21/95     | Letter to NMI from NRC, subj: Request for Withholding (2 pages)   |

**APPENDIX B  
RECORDS BEING WITHHELD IN PART**

| <b><u>NO.</u></b> | <b><u>DATE:</u></b> | <b><u>DESCRIPTION/(PAGE COUNT)/EXEMPTIONS</u></b>  |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1.                | 06/30/78            | Letter and report from NMI to Region I, Subj: Report of Overexposure (4 pages), Exemption 6  |
| 2.                | 03/01/82            | Letter from NMI to J. Kinneman, NRC, Subj: 1981 skin dose for NMI employee (1 page), Exemption 6   |
| 3.                | 07/20/83            | Letter from NMI to T. Thomas, NRC, Subj: in regards to skin Dosage evaluation summaries (6 pages)  |
| 4.                | 09/12/83            | Letter from NMI to C. Rowe, NRC, Subj: in reference to employee film badges & TLD ring data from foundry personnel (9 pages)<br>Exemption 6        |
| 5.                | 10/14/83            | Letter from NMI to T. Martin, NRC, Subj: Referencing extremity exposures listed in Confirmation Action Letter No. 83-08 (7 pages)<br>Exemption 6   |
| 6.                | 05/24/84            | Letter from NMI to Region I, NRC, Subj: Giving thirty day written notification in regards to excessive radiation exposure (7 pages)<br>Exemption 6 |