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Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 3:51 PM
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Subject: New FOIA Procedures

Barbara,

Once the YA is sent out could you please send to from the FOIA box. Check the date and number to make sure it didn't change. Please add the link to the YA.

Thank you,

Donna

Regional Counsels, Senior Management FOIA Officials, FOIA Coordinators and Alternates,

Yellow Announcement No. 09-0054, dated May 19, 2009, subject: New Freedom of Information Act Procedures (FOIA) has been issued (add link to YA). Based on new FOIA guidelines from the President and the Attorney General, NRC has issued new FOIA procedures. Please review these new procedures, become aware of their impact on your mission, especially the guidance pertaining to foreseeable harm statements. This guidance will apply to all FOIA cases received on or after May 19 2009.

The following is additional guidance on drafting foreseeable harm statements.

While each document or portion of a document protected by exemptions 2 and 5 must be addressed in a foreseeable harm statement, a single statement may cover multiple documents or multiple portions of documents, provided that the harm foreseen, and the reasons why the harm is foreseen, are the same for each. While foreseeable harm statements do not need to be lengthy, they should be reasonably specific.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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