

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

2009-0214

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RESPONSE  
TYPE☐

FINAL

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PARTIAL

REQUESTER

Paul Gunter

DATE

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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  
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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  
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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.

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None. Minimum fee threshold not met.

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You will receive a refund for the amount listed.

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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 ML091820478.

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

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**PART II.A -- APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS**APPENDICES  
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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		
			EDO	SECY	IG
Joseph R. Gray	Associate General Counsel for Licensing & Regulation	See Appendix C		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Samuel J. Collins	Regional Administrator, Region I	See Appendix C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Eric J. Leeds	Director, Office of New Reactor Regulation	See Appendix C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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."

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<b><u>NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION/ (PAGE COUNT)</u></b>
1.	Undated	Scope of Potential Tritium Sources (1 page) <b>Ex. 5</b>
2.	Undated	OC Debrief, Stand-alone Report (2 pages). <b>Ex. 5</b>
3.	4/16/09	Email from J. Kulp to M. Ferdas, et.al, subj: Re: Final Press Release, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
4.	4/16/09	Email from J. White to M.Dapas, subj: FW: Updated OC-Potential Tritium Release on 4/15 (4 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
5.	4/16/09	Email from M. Ferdas to R. Bellamy, et al, subj: Update: OC-Potential Tritium Release on 4/15 (4 pages), <b>Ex. 4</b>
6.	4/16/09	Email from D. Lew to J. White, et al, subj: OC-Potential Tritium Release on 4/15 (1 page) <b>Ex. 5</b>
7.	4/17/09	Email from J. Barstow, Exelon to M. Ferdas, NRC, subj: Final Press Release (2 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
8.	4/17/09	Email from M. Ferdas to R. Bellamy, subj: OC-Tritium – Update 4/17 (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
9.	4/17/09	Email from M. Ferdas to D. Lew, et al, subj: Re; Daily Note, OC, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
10.	4/18/09	Email from M. Ferdas to P. Wilson, subj: OC-Tritium Update, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
11.	4/19/09	Email from D. Lew to M. Ferdas, subj: re: Update: OC Tritium Issue 4/19. (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
12.	4/19/09	Email from P. Wilson to B. Mallett, subj: FW: Issue Paper: Oyster Creek Tritium Ground Water Contamination... (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
13.	4/20/09	Email from D. Lew to M. Ferdas, subj: Re: Followup to Sunday Email (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>

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14	4/20/09	Email from B. Harris to R. Conte, subj: Re: Mr. Webster and Re: Commission E-Reader...(3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
15.	4/22/09	Email from J. White to M. Ferdas et al, subj: Daily Briefing and Status Calls, OC, (1 page), <b>Ex. 2</b>
16.	4/23/09	Email from R. Nimitz to J. White et al, subj: Update for 4/23/09 Status Call – OC, (2 pages) <b>Ex. 2</b>
17.	4/23/09	Email from E. Thomas to et al., subj: IOEB Clearinghouse Screening Summary for Thurs, 4/23/09, (4 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
18.	4/27/09	Email from R. Conte to J. Richmond, et al, subj: OC Tritium Leak Status, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
19.	4/27/09	Email from S. Pannier to et al, subj: IOEB Clearinghouse Screening Summary for Mon, Apr 27, 09, (4 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
20.	4/28/09	Email from R. Barkley to R. Nimitz, subj: Re; Update, 4/28/09 (3:30 pm call) Status Call – OC (7 pages), <b>Ex. 2/Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
21.	4/29/09	Email from J. Richmond to R. Conte, et al, subj: Re: OC PIR Sample on Buried Pipes & Met Tower Issues,(1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
22.	4/29/09	Email from R. Nimitz to J. White et al, subJ: Re: Update, 4/29/09 (3:30 pm call) Status Call – OC, (7 pages), <b>Ex. 2/Ex. 5</b>
23.	4/29/09	Email from J. White to N. McNamara, subj: FW: Stakeholder calls, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
24.	4/30/09	Email from J. White to D. Roberts, subj: FW; OC News Release, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
25.	4/30/09	Email from J. White to S. Collins, subj: OC Status, 4/30/09 (3:30 pm), (2 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
26.	4/30/09	Email from M. Ferdas to J. Richmond, subj: Re: Oyster Creek Hotwell Reject Line (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>

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27.	5/3/09	Email from J. Clifford to R. Bellamy, subj: re: Update: OC Activities – Outage, Startup & Tritium Issue, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
28.	5/4/09	Email from R. Conte to J. Richmond, subj: Re: OC Non-SIT, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
29.	5/5/09	Email from D. Roberts to R. Conte, subj: Re: Media Question re: Oyster Creek, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
30.	5/8/09	Email from J. White to P. Kaufman et al, subj: FW: Stand-alone Reports, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
31.	5/11/09	Email from M. Ferdas to J. White et al, subj: FW: Answers to your questions regarding Exelon's Underground Piping Program, (13 pages), <b>Ex.4/Ex. 5</b>
32.	5/13/09	Email from H. Gray to M. Ferdas et al, subj: Inspection for Report 219/2009008 – Buried Pipe (1 page), <b>Ex. 6</b>
33.	5/14/09	Email from J. White to D. Roberts, subj: Re: OC Status, 5/10-14/2009 (3:30 pm), (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
34.	5/14/09	Email from J. White to N. Sheehan, subj: Re: APP Questions re: OC Tritium Contamination, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
35.	5/14/09	Email from M. Ferdas to J. White, subj: FW: BNE's Split Sampling Results have been posted, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
36.	5/15/09	Email from J. White N. Sheehan, subj: Re: Question re: OC Inspections, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
37.	5/15/09	Email from R. Nimitz to S. Collins, et al, subj: OC Status, 5/15 (3:30 pm), (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
38.	5/15/09	Email from J. White to D. Roberts, subj: Re: OC Annual Ass. Mtg, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
39.	5/15/09	Email from M. Ferdas to S. Barber, subj: re: Tritium Slide, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>

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41.	5/20/09	Email from K. Gruss to J. White, subj: Re: Senator Connors Letters and Acting Comst Mauriello Response Letter on Web, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
42.	5/21/09	Email from M. Ferdas to J. White et al, subj: OC Status, 5/21 (3:30 pm), (3 pages), <b>Ex. 4/Ex. 5</b>
43.	5/26/09	Email from J. White to R. Nimitz, subJ FW: OC Status, 5/21 (3:30 pm), (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
44.	5/28/09	Email from U. Shoop to H. Chernoff, subj: Re: Mtg to Discuss Congressional Correspondence to Rep Smith and Adler on OC, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
45.	5/29/09	Email from R. Conte to K. Hawkins, et al, subj: RESENT: Prep for Mtg to Discuss Congressional Correspondence to Rep Smith and Adler on OC (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
46.	6/2/09	Email from J. Richmond to R. Nimitz, subj: RE: Condensate Piping/CST, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
47.	6/2/09	Email from J. Kandasamy to R. Nimitz, J. White, subj: FW: Today's Tour – Fri, May 22, (1 page), <b>Ex. 6</b>
48.	6/3/09	Email from H. Chernoff to E. Miller, subj: RE: Mtg on Adler Response (1 page), <b>Ex. 6</b>
49.	6/3/09	Email from S. Campbell to T. Hipschman, subj: FW: OC Status., 6/2, (5 pages), <b>Ex. 4/Ex. 5</b>
50.	6/3/09	Email from R. Conte to R. Barkley, subj: RE: Follow-ups to Annual Assessment Mtg, (5 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
51.	6/3/09	Email from R. Bellamy to E. Miller, subj: RE: Briefing Package for Exelon Drop-in, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
52.	6/3/09	Email from E. Miller to J. Richmond, subj: RE: FW FYI: Draft Letter to Rep Markey, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>

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54.	6/5/09	Email from E. Miller to J. White et al, subj: RE: Draft Input, Adler, (1 page), <b>Ex. 6</b>
55.	6/8/09	Email from L. Lund to B. Harris, subj: FW: Draft E-Mail to Mr. Webster, (7 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
56.	6/8/09	Email from R. Conte to B. Harris, subj: Draft E-Mail to Mr. Webster, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
57.	6/8/09	Email from R. Nimitz to E. Miller, subj: FW: Draft Response to Congressman Adler (OC Tritium), (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
58.	6/9/09	Email from C. Taylor to R. Nimitz, subj: 644.4.02, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
59.	6/8/09	Email from D. Screnci to R. Conte, subj: Re: Draft E-Mail to Mr. Webster, (2 pages), <b>Ex.5/Ex. 6</b>
60.	6/9/09	Email from B. Harris to M. Smith, subj: FW; Draft E-Mail to Mr. Webster, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
61.	6/9/09	Email from R. Nimitz to E. Miller, subj: OC Internal, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
62.	6/10/09	Email from K. Hawkins to B. Harris et al, subj: Draft E-Mail to Mr. Webster, (5 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
63.	6/11/09	Email from R. Ennis to E. Miller, subj: RE: Response to Markey Letter on IP2 (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
64.	6/12/09	Email from K. Hawkins to R. Barkely, subj: Proposed E-Mail to Mr. Webster – Final Wording, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
65.	6/12/09	Email from R. Nimitz to J. White et al, subj: Sensitive – OC Status as of 6/11, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
66.	6/12/09	Email from D. Roberts to R. Barkely, subj: Status of High-Level Correspondence at this time (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>

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68	6/15/09	Email from R. Ennis to A. Hiser, subj: RE: Friday – OC Letter, (4 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
69.	6/15/09	Email from H. Chernoff to R. Ennis, subj: FW; Friday – OC Letter to Adler, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
70.	6/15/09	Email from A. Hiser to R. Ennis, subj: RE: Friday – OC Letter to Adler, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
71.	6/16/09	Email from R. Nimitz to M. ferdas, subj: Questions from Chairman's Office, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
72.	6/17/09	Email from R. Nimitz to J. Richmond, subj: RE: Internal – Current Draft of OC Report, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
73.	6/18/09	Email from K. Hawkins to R. Conte, subj: RE; Follow ups to the Annual Assessment Mtg, (3 pages), <b>Ex. 6</b>
74	6/18/09	Email from M. Ferdas to R. Bellamy, subj: OC 2Q09 Inspection Status, (4 pages), <b>Ex. 5</b>
75.	6/19/09	Email from C. Taylor to R. Nimitz, subj: Tritium Sample Map 6 16 2009, (2 pages), <b>Ex. 4</b>
76.	6/29/09	Email from R. Nimitz to J. White, subj: OC Canal Results, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5</b>
77.	6/29/09	Email from J. White to S. Collins, subj: OC Status, (1 page), <b>Ex. 5/Ex. 6</b>
78.	Undated	Root Cause Evaluation Report: Tritium Identified in Emergency Service water (ESW) Vault, (65 pages), <b>Ex. 4/Ex. 6</b>