

FOIA Resource

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Subject: Radioactive pellet treatment for prostate cancer at VA Hospitals

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FOIA/PA REQUEST
Case No.: 2011-0055
Date Rec'd: 12-30-10
Specialist: Dennis
Related Case: _____

FOIA/PA Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T6-D8
Washington, DC 20555-0001

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested
Fee waiver requested
Expedited processing requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of All records, reports and documents involving the use of radioactive isotopes, in the form of pellets, that were implanted in patients at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia and Lebanon, to treat prostate cancer. I am specifically requesting all reports and documents involving inadequate, low dosages at these specific hospitals.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on I am gathering information on the radioactive pellets used to treat prostate cancer at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, the Veterans Administration Hospital in Philadelphia and the VA Hospital in Lebanon.

that is of current interest to the public because This information is being sought on behalf of *The Times-Tribune* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about cancer treatments because improper treatments can be fatal. because I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Joe McDonald