

## FOIA/PA REQUEST

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**From:** John Wheeler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:44 PM  
**To:** FOIA Resource  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Act Request to the NRC

Ms. Sealing,

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request the following information from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

"Please prove a detailed list of assumptions which were used in calculating radioactive release rates, the details of the hypothetical dose rate profile for the 2, 5, 10 and 50 mile radius around the Fukushima nuclear plant, and other factors that were considered by the Commission in making the 50 mile evacuation recommendation (in March 2011)."

I have attempted to obtain this information using information on the NRC web site, and I was informed by Ms Amy Bonaccorso of the NRC that this information is not available to the public. As I said to Ms. Bonaccorso, I am surprised the NRC has elected not to readily share this information as it would be insightful and informative to understand the fundamental assumptions used in the commission's 50 mile evacuation recommendation in Japan. I believe access to this information and gaining an understanding of the process used and underlying assumptions will lead to increased public safety in the future.

Sincerely,

John Wheeler

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**From:** FOIA <FOIA@fcc.gov>

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**Cc:** Patricia Quartey <Patricia.Quartey@fcc.gov>; Shoko Hair <Shoko.Hair@fcc.gov>

**Sent:** Tue, March 22, 2011 10:10:40 AM

**Subject:** RE: Electronic FOIA (E-FOIA) Request Form

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted electronically on March 21, 2011 to the Federal Communications Commission.

The Federal Communications Commission is a regulatory agency which is responsible for regulating interstate and foreign communications. Thus, the records that you seek are not within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Please note also that there is no central office in the government that processes FOIA requests for all federal agencies. Each agency responds to requests for its own records. The records that you seek may be in the possession of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

You can usually access the website for a federal agency by typing in the agencies initials followed by gov.

For your convenience, I have provided below the principal FOIA contact for the office which may possess the records that you seek. Please direct your inquiry accordingly.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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I hope this response proves to be informative and helpful.

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FOIA Office

-----Original Message-----

From: John Wheeler [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 5:20 PM  
To: FOIA  
Subject: Electronic FOIA (E-FOIA) Request Form

John Wheeler  
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Date of Request: 21 March 2011

John Wheeler Requests:

I request the detailed technical basis for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's recommendation on or about March 17, 2011 that urged Americans in Japan to evacuate to a distance of at least 50 miles from the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant. This recommendation was communicated by the NRC Chairman to the US House Energy & Commerce Committee on 3/17/2011, as described in <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/organization/commission/comm-gregory-jaczko/0317nrc-transcript-jaczko.pdf>

Specifically, I would like to know precisely what assumptions were used in calculating radioactive release rates, the details of the hypothetical dose rate profile for the radius around the nuclear plant, and other factors that were considered in making the 50 mile evacuation recommendation

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