

FOIA Resource

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FOIA REQUEST 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 documents that pertain to the issue of potential flooding of nuclear plants following upstream dam failures.

On page 28 of the report, "Recommendations for Enhancing Nuclear Reactor Safety in the 21st Century," the NRC states: "In August 2010, the NRC initiated a proposed generic issue (GI) regarding flooding of nuclear power plant sites following upstream dam failures. The staff evaluation of this issue is ongoing."

I seek copies of all documents pertaining to this ongoing staff evaluation.

I further request copies of all documents describing potential risks to each and any US nuclear plant that is located downstream from a dam identified by the USGS as a "deficient" dam or a dam of high hazard.

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 nuclear plants located downstream of dams identified as hazardous and deficient. This issue is of current interest to the public because of the extensive water damage to reactors in Japan.

The NRC's Near-Term Task Force has looked at flooding from all sources in recommending U.S. nuclear power plants re-examine their ability to withstand severe natural events. This summer's flooding experience at the Cooper and Fort Calhoun plants in the Great Plains brought additional attention to the issue.. This information is being sought on behalf of Cascadia Times 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. The release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to the public understanding of nuclear plant safety..

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 nuclear plant safety at a time when the potential hazards of deficient dams upstream from nuclear plants because of the large population that could potentially be affected.. 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,

Paul Koberstein