

FOIA Resource

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Hello NRC:
Can you verify receipt of this email. Thanks.

June 25, 2012

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOIA REQUEST FORM

Date of Request: June 25, 2012
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Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of

- 1. All documents identifying the amount of material excavated from waste burial trenches in 2011 at the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania (SNM-2001)**
- 2. All documents identifying the type of material excavated.**
- 3. All documents identifying the discovery of highly enriched uranium, plutonium, spent fuel, and/or other fissile materials at the Park Township site.**
- 4. The minutes of interagency meetings regarding contaminants at the SLDA involving but not limited to the following government agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy from Oct. 1, 2011 to present.**
- 5. The NRC document: "Trip Report for October 12, 2011 Site Tour of the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA)." Accession number ML113320138, October 12, 2011. The docket number is 07003085 and the license number is SNM-2001.**

6. Correspondence from, to, or copied to NRC Project Manager Yolande Norman from Sept. 1, 2011 to PRESENT regarding excavated materials and control of the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA), an Army Corps of Engineers FUSRAP site located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

I would like to receive the information in the following format: (paper, electronic) 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 the presence of radioactive material at the dig site that is of current interest to the public because the presence of radioactive material presents a significant public health concern. This information is being sought on behalf of Valley News Dispatch 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 disposal of radioactive material because the presence of such material may present a significant public health issue. 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,
Mary Ann Thomas
Valley New Dispatch
724.226.4691**