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

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to copies of all documents in the power, custody or possession of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated March 11, 2011 or later, which refer to correspondence with Japanese government officials on the construction, options, design and cost of systems to contain groundwater and radioactive contaminants at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear power plants.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$100. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Through this request, I am gathering information on discussions between NRC representatives and the Japanese government following the Japan nuclear crisis that is of current interest to the public because it has implications for ongoing cleanup efforts at the Fukushima site. This information is being sought on behalf of Bloomberg News for dissemination to the general public. I certify that I am a full-time employee for Bloomberg News based in Tokyo.

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 or email, 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 recommendations from the U.S. government on the response to the accumulation of contaminants at Fukushima to understand whether and how what is happening in Japan has implications for nuclear safety and the nuclear reactors in the U.S. 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,

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