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Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver 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 -- including data, correspondence, phone records and reports -- regarding incidents of unauthorized access from 2001 through April 10, 2015, to Radioactive Materials in Quantities of Concern or RAMQC, as defined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and all records with reference to failures during that time period to follow Orders regarding transportation of radioactive materials or the General Requirements for Security During Transport of RAMQC.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format (e.g. CDs, thumb drive, DVD) when available.

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 potential lapses in safety and transport of RAMQC that is of current interest to the public because after 9/11, protecting the nation's nuclear material and preventing it from being accessed by unauthorized individuals became a major priority for homeland security. This information is being sought on behalf of VICE News 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 the information will serve the public interest because it will allow the public to assess the federal government's ability to protect it from threats of "dirty bombs" or other unauthorized use of nuclear materials.

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.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a Reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the safety of the nation's nuclear materials because various branches of the federal government acknowledged after 9/11 the paramount threat of domestically stored and transported nuclear materials being used to make a dirty bomb. Nearly 14 years later, the public has an immediate right to know how protected this material is, and whether any breaches to security or lapses in protocols during storage or transport has compromised its security. 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 determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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