

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) / PRIVACY ACT (PA) REQUEST

2015-0504

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RESPONSE TYPE INTERIM FINAL

REQUESTER
Michael Siri

DATE
DEC 30 2015

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- No additional agency records subject to the request have been located.
- Requested records are available through another public distribution program. See Comments section.
- Agency records subject to the request that are identified in the specified group are already available in public ADAMS or on microfiche in the NRC Public Document Room.
- Agency records subject to the request that are contained in the specified group are being made available in public ADAMS.
- Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (see comments section) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- We are continuing to process your request.
- See Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

AMOUNT*

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* See comments for details

- You will be billed by NRC for the amount listed.
- You will receive a refund for the amount listed.
- None. Minimum fee threshold not met.
- Fees waived.

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Congress allowed agencies to treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification that we give to all requesters; it should not be taken as an indication that any of these excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- We have withheld certain information in the records from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.
Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal this determination at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination on your request.
- You may appeal this final determination within 30 calendar days of the date of this response, by writing to the FOIA Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Please be sure to mark your letter/envelope or email that it is a "FOIA Appeal."

PART I.C COMMENTS (Use attached Comments continuation page if required)

In response to your FOIA request dated September 15, 2015, and received in this office on September 30, 2015, you had requested specific information relating to communications between the NRC and CB&I, to include documents related to the construction of cooling towers 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B, for the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station. After an extensive search, the NRC is only providing a response to Items #10, and #11, because there were no other responsive records found. We suggest that you make a FOIA request (for the other items in your request) to the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency for the remainder of the items.

SIGNATURE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

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Roger Andoh Karen Damoff

**RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
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PART I.C COMMENTS (Continued)

Responsive records for the above two items are being withheld in full based on their proprietary nature. While the NRC has the right to charge a requester for search and review even when no records are disclosed, (see 10 CFR § 9.33), we are giving you a full refund.



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PART II.A -- APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS

Records subject to the request are being withheld in their entirety or in part under the FOIA exemption(s) as indicated below (5 U.S.C. 552(b)).

- Exemption 1: The withheld information is properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order protecting national security information.
- Exemption 2: The withheld information relates solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of NRC.
- Exemption 3: The withheld information is specifically exempted from public disclosure by the statute indicated.
 - Sections 141-145 of the Atomic Energy Act, which prohibits the disclosure of Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data (42 U.S.C. 2161-2165).
 - Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act, which prohibits the disclosure of Unclassified Safeguards Information (42 U.S.C. 2167).
 - 41 U.S.C. 4702(b), which prohibits the disclosure of contractor proposals, except when incorporated into the contract between the agency and the submitter of the proposal.
- Exemption 4: The withheld information is a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information that is being withheld for the reason(s) indicated.
 - The information is considered to be proprietary because it concerns a licensee's or applicant's physical protection or material control and accounting program for special nuclear material pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1).
 - The information is considered to be another type of confidential business (proprietary) information.
 - The information was submitted by a foreign source and received in confidence pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(d)(2).
- Exemption 5: The withheld information consists of interagency or intraagency records that are normally privileged in civil litigation.
 - Deliberative process privilege.
 - Attorney work product privilege.
 - Attorney-client privilege.
- Exemption 6: The withheld information from a personnel, medical, or similar file, is exempted from public disclosure because its disclosure would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- Exemption 7: The withheld information consists of records compiled for law enforcement purposes and is being withheld for the reason(s) indicated.
 - (A) Disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with an open enforcement proceeding.
 - (C) Disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
 - (D) The information consists of names and other information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to reveal identities of confidential sources.
 - (E) Disclosure would reveal techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or guidelines that could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.
 - (F) Disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.
- Other

PART II.B -- DENYING OFFICIALS

In accordance with 10 CFR 9.25(g) and 9.25(h) of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, the official(s) listed below have made the determination to withhold certain information responsive to your request.

DENYING OFFICIAL	TITLE/OFFICE	RECORDS DENIED	APPELLATE OFFICIAL	
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Roger Andoh	FOIA Officer, U.S. NRC	Withheld Entirety - Exemption 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Appeals must be made in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of this response by sending a letter or email to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, or FOIA.Resource@nrc.gov. Please be sure to include on your letter or email that it is a "FOIA Appeal."