



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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IN RESPONSE REFER TO:
FOIA/PA-2017-00083A
FOIA/PA-2017-00736

Julian Tarver



Dear Mr. Tarver:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated November 7, 2016, in which you appealed the agency's October 25, 2016, response related to your August 23, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA/PA-2016-00736, which sought all internal/external communication related to FOIA Case 2016-0131A and 2016-0517. You appealed the denial of information.

Acting on your appeal, I have reviewed our previous response that was withheld in part and have determined that the exemptions applied were appropriate. Therefore, I have denied your appeal.

The NRC continues to believe that the redactions in the responsive documents provided to you are justified under the deliberative process under FOIA exemption 5. Specifically, the NRC has determined that release of redacted information is necessary to protect the integrity of our internal deliberative process. Accordingly, the NRC is denying your appeal and will continue to withhold the redacted portions under FOIA exemption 5.

This is the final agency decision. As set forth in the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(B)), you may seek judicial review of this decision in the district court of the United States in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business. You may also seek judicial review in the district in which the agency's records are situated or in the District of Columbia.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Nelson, Director
Chief Information Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure:
As stated