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June 1, 2017

Dear FOIA officer:

First off, thank you for handling this request.

My name is Madison Hopkins and I'm a reporter with the Better Government Association. The BGA is a more than 90-year-old non-partisan, non-profit investigative reporting organization.

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Under FOIA, I'm requesting:

Records sufficient to show the total number of discrimination or retaliation complaints or allegations brought to the NRC each year, from 2010-16, broken down by the following categories:

- 1) Total number of complaints/allegations of discrimination per year
  - a) Total number of cases in which the NRC found the complaint/allegation to have a prima facie basis of discrimination per year
  - b) Total number of cases in which the NRC offered Alternative Dispute Resolution to the alleged per year
  - c) Total number of cases in which the alleged chose to participate in ADR per year
  - d) Total number of cases in which the ADR process was successful and a settlement was reached per year
  - d) Total number of cases in which the alleged chose to forgo ADR and instead send the case to the Office of Investigations per year

If available, I am requesting documents sufficient to show these statistics broken down by either region, state, or plant.

To be clear, I am requesting records relating to allegations or complaints in which a worker employed by a licensee or contractor claimed he or she was discriminated against for raising a nuclear safety concern.

This is for a possible news story. As such, I ask that any fees be waived as law allows.

As a member of the news media, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. As such, I also ask that this request be expedited because an urgency exists to inform the public about an actual or alleged government activity which these documents relate to. The oversight of nuclear industry by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is of particularly timely concern currently to the people of Illinois because lawmakers in the state recently voted to subsidize two aging plants with hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Nationwide, other states are currently considering passing similar measures. These records relate to plants in Illinois and across the nation that are or could eventually be affected by a subsidy. Additionally, these records will help illuminate the federal oversight of these plants, and give more information to communities that are making the decision to subsidize or not. Because of that, an urgency exists for the public to understand a licensee-holder's interactions with the federal government before other legislatures authorize taxpayer-funded subsidies.

Please convey the information electronically to this email address:  
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Also, please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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