



Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
FOIA Officer
Mailstop: T-2 F43
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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RE: FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request records reflecting a list or log of FOIA requests received in Fiscal Year 2017. Specifically, I request records that include the following information or fields:

1. The FOIA request identification number;
2. The name of the requester;
3. The organizational affiliation of the requester, if there is one;
4. The date on which the request was made;
5. The subject matter of the request;
6. Whether a privacy waiver or authorization for release under the Privacy Act was submitted in conjunction with the request;
7. The result of each FOIA request, whether granted, granted in part, denied, withdrawn or otherwise disposed;
8. If not granted in full, the reason for the denial or partial denial;
9. The date on which the request was resolved;
10. The category assigned to the request for the purpose of making a determination about the applicability of FOIA fees. These categories would therefore include “commercial use” requesters, “educational or noncommercial scientific institution[s]” and “representative[s] of the news media,” as well as requesters eligible for reduction or waiver of fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii);
11. Indication of whether a fee waiver was requested and, if so, whether that request was granted; and
12. Dollar amount charged to requester for responding to the request and the date of the invoice.

Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A), (B), I request that the above listed records be produced if possible in electronic form. Specifically, I request the records to be produced in a computer-readable format such as delimited-text (e.g. as comma- or tab-delimited), Excel, or in another database format.

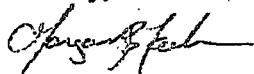
Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), I request a waiver of all applicable fees, if any, as this request is in the public interest “because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” First, I am a full time, salaried, tenure-track member of the faculty at the University of

Denver Sturm College of Law, itself a non-profit educational institution, and I am not engaged in any profit-making enterprise or business. I thus have no commercial interest to which this request could (or does) pertain. Second, a significant component of my job is to conduct research and write scholarly publications. Much of my past research concerns the operation of the Freedom of Information Act. This request will shed light on the nature of who is using FOIA most frequently and how the government's resources are spent in responding to FOIA requests. Very little existing research documents the makeup of FOIA requesters, and thus this information will contribute to the public's understanding about the government's operations in this area. It is further likely to contribute to the public's understanding of government activities because it is intended to form the basis for a future scholarly publication. My record of past publications supports the credibility of future publications. As support, I am attaching a copy of my current curriculum vitae, in which you can see my record of scholarly publications, particularly in the area of the Freedom of Information Act.

In the event that my request for a waiver of fees is denied, please contact me with an estimate of fees before they are incurred. Please also contact me if you have any questions about my request.

I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days (weekends and legal public holidays excepted) as required under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

Sincerely,



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