



RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

NRC-2018-000676

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RESPONSE TYPE INTERIM FINAL

REQUESTER:

Julian Tarver

DATE:

11/21/2018

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

NRC convention spending each year totals from 2000 through the current date.

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- The NRC has made some, or all, of the requested records publicly available through one or more of the following means: (1) <https://www.nrc.gov>; (2) public ADAMS, <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; (3) microfiche available in the NRC Public Document Room; or FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>.
- 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 Part I.D – Comments) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- We are continuing to process your request.
- See Part I.D – Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

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| AMOUNT |
| \$0.00 |
- You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.
 - You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.
 - Fees waived.
 - Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees.
 - Due to our delayed response, you will not be charged search and/or duplication fees that would otherwise be applicable to your request.

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

- We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may 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 given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- We have withheld certain information 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 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.
- You may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. If you submit an appeal by mail, address it to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-2 F43, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. You may submit an appeal by e-mail to FOIA.resource@nrc.gov. You may fax an appeal to (301) 415-5130. Or you may submit an appeal through FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal."

PART I.C -- REFERENCES AND POINTS OF CONTACT

You have the right to seek assistance from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison by submitting your inquiry at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/contact-foia.html>, or by calling the FOIA Public Liaison at (301) 415-1276.

If we have denied your request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC's Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To seek dispute resolution services from OGIS, you may e-mail OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, send a fax to (202) 741-5789, or send a letter to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information about OGIS, please visit the OGIS website at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>.



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PART I.D – COMMENTS

The NRC did not capture NRC-sponsored convention costs before FY2014. And, since FY2014, only convention costs exceeding \$100,000 are captured. These records are already available in public ADAMS; copies are enclosed for you.

With respect to records reflecting spending for international conventions that NRC sponsored during FY2000-2013, they are archived off-site at one of NARA's Federal Records Centers. The search for responsive records would exceed the two hours of search to which you are entitled, as a non-expected requester, without incurring fees, which you expressly have declined to do.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Stephanie A. Blaney

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FY 2013 Conferences with expenses exceeding \$100K

<u>Office/Region</u>	<u>Total Conference Expenses</u>	<u>Conference Name and Location</u>	<u>Conference Date</u>	<u>How Conference Advanced Agency Mission</u>	<u>Number of Invitees Paid Travel Expenses</u>
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)	\$650,202	Regulatory Information Conference Bethesda North Marriot Hotel and Conference Center 5701 Marinelli Rd., North Bethesda, Maryland	March 12-14, 2013	To support the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) mission, and the agency's commitment to conduct its work openly and transparently, the Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) provides a unique forum, which brings together diverse group of stakeholders to inform them of significant policy decisions and regulatory oversight activities. Additionally, the RIC offers an environment where NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security, and policy issues before the agency. The RIC is the largest global gathering of regulators in the nuclear field and in FY 2013, it drew more than 2800 registrants. As NRC staff continues to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency.	None
Office of International Programs (OIP)	\$104,927	International Conference for Nuclear Security Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland	December 4-6, 2012	Enhanced awareness of the importance of comprehensive national regional security programs and to build relationships with counterpart regulatory entities with responsibility for nuclear and radioactive material security.	\$33,300 (estimate)

Fiscal Year 2014 NRC- Sponsored Conferences with Total Expenses Exceeding \$100K

Conference Title and Location	Start Date	End Date	NRC Attendees	Outside Participants	Total Conference Costs	Relation to Agency Mission	Approval Document
NRC's 26th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Rockville, MD	3/11/2014	3/13/2014	1,320 Includes 27 attendees whose travel expenses were paid by the NRC.	1,618 The NRC did not pay expenses for any outside participants.	\$ 795,957 Includes travel for NRC attendees.	The NRC's mission is to "license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment." The RIC supports this mission as well as the NRC's commitment to conducting its work openly and transparently, by providing a unique forum that brings together diverse groups of stakeholders to inform them of significant policy decisions and regulatory oversight activities. In addition, the RIC offers an environment in which NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security, and policy issues before the agency. As we continue to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency. The 2014 RIC featured 6 plenary sessions and 36 technical sessions, with 158 panelists. The conference drew 2,938 attendees, including 214 international participants from 36 countries.	Chairman's Waiver Publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13127A081

Date: January 29, 2015

Fiscal Year 2015 NRC- Sponsored Conference with Total Expenses Exceeding \$100K

Conference Title and Location	Start Date	End Date	NRC Attendees	Outside Participants	Total Conference Costs	Relation to Agency Mission	Approval Document
NRC's 27th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Rockville, MD	03/10/2015	03/12/2015	1150 Includes 31 attendees whose travel expenses were paid by the NRC	1589 The NRC did not pay travel expenses for any outside participants	\$921,573.67 Includes travel expenses for NRC attendees	<p>The NRC's mission is to "license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment."</p> <p>The RIC supports this mission and is a unique forum hosted by the NRC, that brings together diverse groups of stakeholders to learn, share and discuss information on significant and timely nuclear regulatory activities and emergent issues. It is a communication vehicle that fosters informal, open dialogue between the public and the NRC staff, and supports the NRC's strategic objective to ensure openness and transparency.</p> <p>The RIC offers an environment in which NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security, and policy issues before the agency. As we continue to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency.</p> <p>The 2015 RIC featured 5 plenary sessions and 36 technical sessions, with 162 panelists. The conference drew 2739 attendees, including 222 international participants from 35 countries.</p>	<p>Chairman's Waiver</p> <p>Publically available ADAMS under Accession No. ML14232A316</p>

Date: January 29, 2016

Enclosure

Fiscal Year 2016 NRC- Sponsored Conference with Total Expenses Exceeding \$100K

Conference Title and Location	Start Date	End Date	NRC Attendees	Outside Participants	Total Conference Costs	Relation to Agency Mission	Approval Document
<p>NRC's 28th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC)</p> <p>Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Rockville, MD 20850</p>	03/08/2016	03/10/2016	1176 includes 27 attendees whose travel expenses were paid by the NRC	1522 The NRC did not pay travel expenses for any outside participants	\$974,365.74 Includes travel expenses for NRC attendees	<p>The NRC's mission is to "license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment."</p> <p>The RIC supports this mission and is a unique forum hosted by the NRC, that brings together diverse groups of stakeholders to learn, share and discuss information on significant and timely nuclear regulatory activities and emergent issues. It is a communication vehicle that fosters informal, open dialogue between the public and the NRC staff, and supports the NRC's strategic objective to ensure openness and transparency.</p> <p>The RIC offers an environment in which NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security, and policy issues before the agency. As we continue to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency.</p> <p>The 2016 RIC featured 4 plenary sessions and 38 technical sessions, with 170 panelists without session chairs and 208 with session chairs. The conference drew 2698 attendees, including 208 international participants from 31 countries.</p>	<p>Chairman's Waiver</p> <p>Publicly available ADAMS under Accession No. ML15382A538</p>

Date: January 30, 2017

Fiscal Year 2017 NRC- Sponsored Conference with Total Expenses Exceeding \$100K

Conference Title and Location	Start Date	End Date	NRC Attendees	Outside Participants	Total Conference Costs	Relation to Agency Mission	Approval Document
<p>NRC's 29th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC)</p> <p>Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center</p> <p>Rockville, MD 20850</p>	3/14/2017	3/16/2017	<p>1268</p> <p>Includes 17 attendees whose travel expenses were paid by the NRC</p>	<p>987</p> <p>The NRC did not pay travel expenses for any outside participants</p>	<p>\$932,315.39</p> <p>Includes travel expenses for NRC attendees</p>	<p>The NRC's mission is to "license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment."</p> <p>The RIC supports this mission and is a unique forum hosted by the NRC, that brings together diverse groups of stakeholders to learn, share and discuss information on significant and timely nuclear regulatory activities and emergent issues. It is a communication vehicle that fosters informal, open dialogue between the public and the NRC staff, and supports the NRC's strategic objective to ensure openness and transparency.</p> <p>The RIC offers an environment in which NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security, and policy issues before the agency. As we continue to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency.</p> <p>The 2017 RIC featured 4 plenary sessions and 28 technical sessions, with 124 panelists without session chairs and 154 with session chairs. The conference drew 2255 attendees, including 213 international participants from 32 countries.</p>	<p>Chairman's Waiver.</p> <p>Publicly available ADAMS under Accession Number ML16153A418</p>