

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

2019-195,196,197

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REQUESTER:

Kevin P. Horan

DATE:

02/27/2019

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

Any and all documents pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and any work performed at the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station through 1984. For a more detailed description, please see Part I.D - Comments, below.

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

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

In NRC-2019-000195, you requested "any and all documents pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and any work performed at the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station (a/k/a Commonwealth Edison in Cordova, IL a/k/a "Cordova") from the initial construction/commissioning of the plant through 1984 which reference the following: "Iowa-Illinois Thermal Insulation"; "Iowa Illinois Insulation"; "Iowa-Illinois." These documents include, but are not limited to, all bids, contracts, requests for proposal, sales and/or purchases of materials, payroll records, personnel records, correspondence and site safety correspondence. Also including any documents relating to safety inspection, compliance with EPA, OSHA and/or other federal regulations at the site. These include, but are not limited to, any and all environmental testing or sampling at the site, air monitoring or sampling data, and contract documents and correspondence with the companies or entities responsible for performing said testing/sampling."

In NRC-2019-000196, you requested "any and all documents pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and any work performed at the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station (a/k/a Commonwealth Edison in Cordova, IL a/k/a "Cordova") from the initial construction/commissioning of the plant through 1984 which reference the following: "Taylor Insulation." These documents include, but are not limited to, all bids, contracts, requests for proposal, sales and/or purchases of materials, payroll records, personnel records, correspondence and site safety correspondence. Please also include any documents relating to safety inspection, compliance with EPA, OSHA and/or other federal regulations at the site. These include, but are not limited to, any and all environmental testing or sampling at the site, air monitoring or sampling data, and contract documents and correspondence with the companies or entities responsible for performing said testing/sampling."

In NRC-2019-000197, you requested "any and all documents pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and any work performed at the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station (a/k/a Commonwealth Edison in Cordova, IL a/k/a "Cordova") from the initial construction/commissioning of the plant through 1984 which reference any and all outside contractors who performed work at the site, including the following: general contractors; mechanical contractors; insulation contractors; pipefitting contractors; welding contractors; boilermaker contractors; millwright contractors; electrical contractors; sheet metal contractors; HVAC contractors; ironwork contractors; laborers; carpentry contractors; and any other subcontractors, including all job documents including, but not limited to, all bids, contracts, requests for proposal, sales and/or purchases of materials, payroll records, personnel records, correspondence and site safety correspondence. Also include any documents relating to safety inspection, compliance with EPA, OSHA and/or other federal regulations at the site. These include, but are not limited to, any and all environmental testing or sampling at the site, air monitoring or sampling data, and contract documents and correspondence with the companies or entities responsible for performing said testing/sampling."

In light of the clearly related matters of these requests, and your submission of them at the same time, we had aggregated them for fee purposes. With respect to the first part of these requests seeking records about the contractors who performed work at the site prior to 1984, staff in Region III (in which the Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station is located) has informed us that NRC does not maintain such records so no billable search fees were incurred. We would expect such records to be in the possession of the licensee. As for the second part of these requests seeking safety-related inspections with a focus on air monitoring and environmental sampling, RIII staff also tells us that, if such information exists within NRC records, they would be found in the inspection reports that are already publicly available in ADAMS. However, staff did a search of ADAMS using the key words "aesbestos" and "insulation" for any records predating 1985 and found nothing.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

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