

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

2019-000346

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RESPONSE
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FINAL

REQUESTER:

Michael Aguirre

DATE:

06/21/2019

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

All records of communication between NRC Region IV Administrator, Scott Morris, or NRC Region IV Deputy Director, Linda Howell, and any of the following individuals: (1) Margo Stevens, (2) Tina Ennis, (3) Stephanie Blaney, (4) Ruthanne Murray or (5) other FOIA officers/employees, regarding the FOIA requests I have made to the NRC

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.gov/foiaonline/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

- ☐ 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-6 A60M, 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. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal." Only a pre-registered user may file an appeal through FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. A user who has not registered an account prior to filing the initial FOIA request may still submit their appeal by one of the above mentioned options.

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

This final response also acknowledges receipt of your FOIA request, as described above.

In processing FOIA requests, all NRC HQ program and regional offices have a FOIA coordinator that is responsible for tasking the appropriate subject matter experts (SME) within their respective offices to search for, and provide disclosure recommendations about, records responsive to a request. Those records are then compiled by the FOIA coordinator and delivered to the FOIA staff for processing and the preparation of the agency's response. It is not the normal practice of the FOIA staff to speak directly to SMEs about requests unless deemed necessary (for example, to obtain clarity of what is being requested, to understand the search that was undertaken or to further discuss the disclosure treatment of the records provided. With respect to the requests that you have submitted to date, there are no records reflecting communications with either Mr. Morris or Ms. Howell; in fact, none of the current FOIA staff assigned to your requests have spoken with either of them.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Stephanie A. Blaney

Digitally signed by Stephanie A. Blaney

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