

Karen Silkwood  
Worker, Kerr-McGee plant, Oklahoma  
Killed, November 1974  
June 29, 1979

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Landon Building  
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-79-272  
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Dear FOIA-PA Coordinator:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. Section 552).

On behalf of Common Ground, a non-profit, tax exempt newspaper of the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB), we write to request a copy of all files in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission indexed or maintained under the name Karen Silkwood and all documents returnable by a search for documents containing this name. This includes, but is not limited to, information in any "Do Not File" and "Administrative Matters" files, and any other similarly labeled file(s) which contain information relevant to our request.

As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release that "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. We therefore request that, if you determine that some portions of the requested information are exempt, you provide us immediately with a copy of the remainder of the file. We, of course, reserve our right to appeal any such decisions.

If you determine that some or all of the requested information is exempt from release, we would appreciate your advising us as to which exemption(s) you believe covers the information which you are not releasing.

We are prepared to pay costs specified in your regulations for locating the requested files and reproducing them.

As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the public." We believe that this request plainly fits that category and ask that you waive any fees.

As provided for in the amended Act, we will expect to receive a reply within 10 working days.

Sincerely yours,

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