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Director, Office of Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Greetings:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as amended, I hereby request access to and the opportunity to copy the following documents which may be in the possession of your office or the whereabouts of which may be known to your office.

- 1) Faughn, J.L., et al. University of California Project Report: Radiological Survey of the California Disposal Sites, prepared for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Office of Naval Research, 1957.
- 2) Jones, Edmund L. Special Report, Waste Disposal Program Project #10,000-827 of the U.S. Coast Guard, prepared for the U.S. A.E.C., 1961.
- 3) May 1974. Baseline Investigation of Deepwater Dumpsite 106, U.S. Dept. of Commerce and U.S.E.P.A. (1975).
- 4) Smith, D.D. and Brown, R.P., Ocean Disposal of Barge-Delivered Liquid and Solid Wastes from U.S. Coastal Cities. Written for the Solid Waste Management Office by Applied Oceanography Division of Dillingham Corporation, La Jolla, CA, under Contract Number PH 86-68-203, U.S.E.P.A., 1971.
- 5) Report to Congress on Ocean Dumping and Other Man-Induced Changes to Ocean Ecosystems. October 1972 through December 1973. Public Law 92-532, Title II. U.S. Department of Commerce, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, March 1974.

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- 6) Any and all information, documents and reports pertaining to the Southern California Borderland Investigation, performed in 1972 by Plessey Corporation, Lockheed, Inc. and the U.S.E.P.A., including the 35 mm color slides that have been prepared showing the dumpsites and the sampling sites of phase 1 and phase 2 of this investigation.
- 7) Any and all information, documents and reports pertaining to the disposal of radioactive wastes at sea by the U.S. military, including nuclear submarines and including the submarine tender U.S.S. Sperry.
- 8) Any and all information, documents and reports pertaining to the locations and contents of radioactive waste containers disposed at the Farallons Radioactive Waste Dumpsite by the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory once located at Hunter's Point, CA.
- 9) The military's list of radioactive waste containers used by the EPA in its June 1976 survey of the 2800m deep-sea radioactive waste disposal site, which is centered at coordinates 38°30'N, 72°06'W, and located approximately 120 miles east of the Maryland-Delaware coast. This list was used in selecting the container raised and subjected to shipboard analysis (Dexter, S.C., "On Board Corrosion Analysis of a Recovered Nuclear Waste Container". Account of Work sponsored by the U.S.E.P.A. under contract NO. WA-6-99-2767-J, project officer R.S. Dyer).
- 10) R/V Endeavor Cruise EN-024. Seabed Disposal Program: North Atlantic Study Area MPG-111. Edited by Heath, G.R. and Laine, E.P., Contract #EY-76-S-02-2689, Sept. 1978., Report #COC-2689-10, Accession No. 79R0034705. Dep. NTIS, PC A03/MFA01.
- 11) Subseabed Disposal Program Annual Report, January - December 1978. Volume II. Principal Investigator Progress Reports. Corporate Authors, Sandia Labs, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Contract #EY-76-C-04-0789, Oct. 1979. Report # SAND 79-1618 (Vol. 2). Accession No. 80X0043957. Dep. NTIS, PCA99/MFA01.
- 12) Radionuclide distributions in deep-ocean sediment cores. Progress Report, 1 October 1976-31, December 1977. Editor, V.I. Bowen. Corporate Author, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Mass. (USA). Contract #EY-76-S-02-2379, April 1978. Report #COO-2379-18. Accession No. 78X008635. Dep. NTIS, PC A02/MF.A01.
- 13) Study of the Transfer of Tritium in Food chains. Part of a Coordinated Programme on the Cycling of Tritium and other Radionuclides of Global Character in Different Types of Ecosystems. FINAL REPORT for the period 1 October 1973-30 April 1977. Edited by R. Kirchmann. Corporate Author, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna (Austria). July, 1977. Report #IAEA-R-1305-F (perhaps 1805-F). Assession No. 79R010707.

- 14) Any and all information, documents and reports that would help to identify the composition of radioactive wastes dumped in containers off the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts (specific isotopes, curies present, source of nuclides etc.). In particular I request information describing the contents of 150 concrete blocks deposited in Site #1 off the Farallon Islands radioactive dumpsite in 1946.

The above information is requested as a part of research I am performing at the request of elected public officials in California, so that they may better assess the possible public health hazards to their constituents of abandoned radioactive dumpsites. Because this research is being performed for the public at large through their elected representatives, I hereby request that any charges for document search and duplication be waived.

In the event that these charges are not waived, I request that the reason for this decision be detailed to me in writing. In this case I request further to see the documents requested, rather than having copies made. If any expenses in excess of \$25 are incurred in connection with this request, please inform me in advance for my approval.

If it is determined that some portion of the above documents are exempt from release, I request that you provide me with the remainder of said document(s). I hereby reserve my right to appeal any such decisions.

It is my understanding that you will be able to respond to my request within 10 days. I look forward to the receipt of the above information. Should you wish to discuss this matter, my telephone numbers are (408) 429-2784 (office); 429-2896 (messages).

Yours sincerely,

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