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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Mr. Joseph Felton
Director, Freedom of Information
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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ACT, REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Felton,

Under 5 U.S.C. 552 et seq., The Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request personal access to all documents, internal memorandum, legal opinions, scientific opinions, letters of communication, meeting minutes, hand written notes, studies, tests, charts, tables, unsanitized reports and all other relevant documents related to the items below as listed. I am requesting this information as it relates to the following states: Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming.

Request 1: All uranium tailing spills including dam failures, flash floods and all other accidental or planned releases other than the Church Rock Spill of 1979.

Request 2: Uranium milling practices of the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, specifically regarding methods of disposal and discharge of solid and liquid wastes.

Request 3: Adverse health effects associated with working in uranium mills, living in mining and milling districts or in close proximity to uranium mill tailings, and living in houses in which uranium mill tailings were used in construction. These adverse health effects should include but not be limited to respiratory diseases, cancer, birth defects and genetic damage.

Request 4: The Church Rock spill of July, 1979. In addition to the information requested in the opening paragraph, please be sure to include all correspondence between the NRC and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division and correspondence between the NRC and United Nuclear Corp., regarding the spill.

Request 5: The ability of the state of New Mexico to regulate the uranium industry. In addition to the information requested in the opening paragraph, please be sure to include NRC opinions, analysis and reports on this subject.

I hereby request a fee waiver for this information because I consider it as primarily benefitting the public interest.

If any part of this request is denied, please inform me of your appeal procedures. I will consider my request denied if I have no communication from you within 10 working days of receipt of this letter.

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Please be put on notice that I consider this information clearly releasable under the Freedom of Information Act and that I consider your refusal to release the information to be arbitrary and capricious as defined in the Act.

Thank you for your prompt attention. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Carolyn Marshall 415-524-7 545 or write the above address.

Sincerely,



Christopher McLoed