

February 23, 1982

NOAA Office of Public Affairs
6010 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Sir/Ms.,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as amended, and the provisions of 15 CFR Part 903, the undersigned hereby requests the following items:

1. Any correspondence between NOAA and DOE, NRC, FEMA, EPA, USDA, or any other person, agency, or organization (including intra-agency correspondence) concerning emergency planning for nuclear accidents.
2. Any documents concerning NOAA's role in the Interagency Radiological Assistance Plan (IRAP), or any other NOAA participation during an accident at a nuclear facility.
3. Any NOAA documents, memoranda, guidelines, etc. on nuclear emergency planning.

This requester asks that fees for the search and production of the above documents be waived, in accordance with 15 CFR 903.10 (b)(4) and (5), for the following reasons:

1. This information will be disseminated to the general public through newsletters, press releases, and other media; the "public" benefiting thereby includes but is not limited to the population of Northeast Ohio.
2. By the availability of this information the public will be better informed on nuclear safety issues and this will therefore enhance the quality of public debate on these issues. Public debate on these matters crucial to public health and safety and the quality of the environment is imperative.
3. This information will be used in a proceeding currently before the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board: In the Matter of Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., et al Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, Docket Nos. 50-440/441. Upon this requester's review and analysis of the requested documents, they will be used by intervenors in this case; these intervenors will thereby be better able to protect their health, safety, and environmental interests (and those of the general public) in this proceeding.

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4. This requester expects no financial benefit from the use of these documents.
5. The financial resources of this requester are limited; thus, the payment of fees incurred herein would result in an undue hardship.

These factors clearly indicate that furnishing the documents requested herein will benefit the general public, and therefore the waiver of any and all fees for search and production is appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 1982

Philip P. McGeoghan, Sr.
Public Affairs Officer
NOAA Office of Public Affairs
6010 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. McGeoghan,

In an apparent response to my FOIA request dated February 23, 1982, NOAA has sent me the following material:

Pamphlet, "Public's Guide to General Weather Information"

Pamphlet, "Winter Storms"

Photograph, "Official NOAA Satellite Image"

Pamphlet, "Tornado"

"NOAA Publications Inventory"

"The NOAA Story"

Pamphlet, "The Naming of Hurricanes"

NOAA Reprint, "Lightning"

These items are not responsive to my FOIA request, which dealt with NOAA's role in a nuclear emergency. Please make an effort to obtain the documents requested in my February 23 letter; if such documents are non-existent, please inform me of that fact.

Examples of NOAA's possible role in a nuclear power plant accident are: use of NOAA Weather Radio to warn the public of a radiological emergency, or the use of National Weather Service data by utilities or governments to predict the speed and direction of travel of a radioactive plume so as to recommend appropriate protective actions, such as evacuation. My FOIA request sought information on NOAA activities such as these, if such actions are within the realm of NOAA's authority.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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May 24, 1982

Office of Administrator
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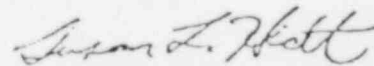
Dear Sir/Ms.,

This is an attempt to obtain a meaningful response to my FOIA request I sent to NOAA several months ago. On February 23, 1982 I sent my request to the NOAA Office of Public Affairs (copy of request enclosed herewith). Soon thereafter I received a package containing various pamphlets, none of which were related to the material requested. I then sent a letter, dated March 3, 1982 explaining that fact to Mr. Philip P. McGeoghan, Sr., NOAA Public Affairs Officer, whereupon I received the same package of pamphlets. I then sent in a card, which was enclosed in the packet, the purpose of which was to obtain further information. I requested the information I tried to obtain through my February 23 letter. I received the same package again.

Apparently there is a misunderstanding in the NOAA Office of Public Affairs on what a FOIA request entails. (I trust that my request will now be answered properly and expeditiously.) May I suggest that the Public Affairs Office staff be trained in the proper handling of FOIA requests. If this training cannot be accomplished, then I urge you to delete from 15 CFR Part 903 the instructions to send FOIA requests to the Office of Public Affairs.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Encl: February 23 FOIA request

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