

# YOUTH NEWS

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

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To Freedom of Information Officer:

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

I write to request copies of all information regarding disposal of radioactive and other related chemical and medical wastes at the St. Albans Hospital in Queens, New York. The hospital, presently run by the Veterans Administration, was formerly operated by the Department of the Navy until the mid-1970's.

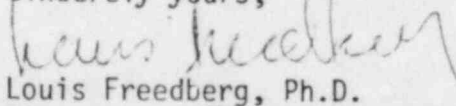
In particular, please provide the following information: 1) where was radioactive waste and other chemicals disposed of?; and 2) was any radioactive or chemical wastes disposed of in the areas surrounding the hospital, i.e. on site? We are interested in all available information dating back to the 1950's, and earlier if relevant. Because of the time period, we are also requesting copies of documents written by or filed with the Atomic Energy Commission relating to this matter.

If there are any fees imposed for searching or copying the materials, please inform me of that fact before filing this request. In addition, please forward this request to whichever office of the N.R.C. has possession of the requested information.

The amended Act does provide that you may reduce or waive fees if "it is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered primarily benefitting the public. I believe this request plainly fits that category because Youth News produces radio programs for the National Public Radio network, and the information supplied under this request will reach large numbers of people in the New York area and nationally. I therefore ask you to waive any fees.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at the above number. As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely yours,

  
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