

**RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST**

2022-000178

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RESPONSE
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REQUESTER:

Christopher Watson

DATE:

06/16/2022

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

Complete copies of all Senior Reactor Operating Licensing written exams specifically for James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, with answers and explanations since the year 2002 up through the current date.

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☒ The NRC has made some, or all, of the requested records publicly available through one or more of the following means: (1) <https://www.nrc.gov> ; (2) public ADAMS, <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; (3) microfiche available in the NRC Public Document Room; or FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>.
- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (See Part I.D -- Comments) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☒ See Part I.D -- Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

AMOUNT

- ☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.
- ☐ You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.
- ☐ Fees waived.

- ☒ Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees.
- ☐ Due to our delayed response, you will not be charged search and/or duplication fees that would otherwise be applicable to your request.

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☐ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- ☐ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.
- ☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.
- ☐ You may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. If you submit an appeal by mail, address it to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6 A60M, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. You may submit an appeal by e-mail to FOIA.resource@nrc.gov. You may fax an appeal to (301) 415-5130. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal." Only a pre-registered user may file an appeal through FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. A user who has not registered an account prior to filing the initial FOIA request may still submit an appeal by one of the above mentioned options.

PART I.C -- REFERENCES AND POINTS OF CONTACT

You have the right to seek assistance from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison by submitting your inquiry at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/contact-foia.html>, or by calling the FOIA Public Liaison at (301) 415-1276.

If we have denied your request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC's Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To seek dispute resolution services from OGIS, you may e-mail OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, send a fax to (202) 741-5789, or send a letter to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information about OGIS, please visit the OGIS website at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>.

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PART I.D -- COMMENTS

As part of its regulatory mission, the NRC establishes uniform operator licensing examination standards from which licensees generally develop and administer operator licensing written examinations. The written examination is a key measure that allows the NRC to make a confident decision regarding the safety-significant performance of individuals seeking a license. Release of the most recent examination questions would undermine the integrity of this process and adversely affecting those facility licensees who are planning to use questions from these examinations as a screening tool. The NRC delays publishing the questions used in an examination for two years after the examination is administered. Accordingly, we inquired whether you would be willing to exclude the current examination from the scope of your request; you agreed to do so.

Upon receipt of your request, we tasked Region I staff (where the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant is situated) to search for any responsive records. Region I staff informed us that earlier examinations may be found in the NRC's official recordkeeping repository, Agencywide Document Access and Management System [ADAMS] under the following Main Library [ML] accession numbers:

ML013250043 - 2001
ML032390332 - 2003
ML051930243 - 2005
ML061800354 - 2006
ML081370319 - 2008
ML101740446 - 2010
ML12116A259 - 2012
ML122710023 - 2012
ML14119A390 - 2014
ML14318A466 - 2014
ML16085A247 - 2016
ML18199A421 - 2018
ML19052A069 - 2019
ML20087H514 - 2020

Records with an ML accession number are publicly available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. If you need assistance in obtaining these records, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at 301-415-4737, or 1-800-397-4209, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

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