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Request

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**Request
description**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), Samuel Miranda requests that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) produce each and every one of the more than 300 briefing packages, written during calendar years 2018 through 2021, that members of the NRC's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) claims were evaluated for their audit. The audit report was issued on August 12, 2022, and entitled Audit of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Drop-In Meeting Policies and Procedures (OIG-22-A-12, ADAMS No. ML22266A058). Said briefing packages are to include the names and titles of all visiting licensee representatives, and participating NRC employees, as well as the listed topics of discussion. If any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under FOIA, sufficient identifying information (with respect to each allegedly exempt record or portion thereof) must be provided to allow the assessment of the propriety of the claimed exemption. *Vaugh v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir 1973), cert denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). Additionally, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided to me after redaction of any all allegedly exempt material, as the law requires. To help you to determine my status for purposes of determining the applicability of any fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking information for personal use and not for a commercial use. I am a retired nuclear engineer, with a PE license in mechanical engineering, and more than four decades of professional experience in nuclear safety analysis and licensing, 25 years of which were in Westinghouse's Nuclear Safety Department, and almost 15 years of which were in the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, as a Reactor Systems Engineer. A significant portion of my experience has been in the development, analysis, and regulation of the technology that may be identified in the requested briefing packages. This request is specific, and does not require a search of documents. I expect that the requested information will be provided in electronic form. Any documents that are publicly accessible in ADAMS can be supplied simply by identifying their correspondent ADAMS accession numbers. I request a waiver of all fees for this request under the terms of 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the NRC's responsibilities and its performance as the nation's regulator of commercial nuclear plants and is not in my commercial interest. I believe I meet the criteria for a fee waiver recognized by the U.S. Justice Department - in its policy guidance of April 1987 - and by the federal courts, See *Project on Military Procurement v. Department of the Navy*, 710 F. Supp. 362 363, 365 (D.C.D. 1989). Please take note of the Office of Management and Budget guidelines published March 27, 1987 (52 FR 10012) that include electronic publications and other nontraditional publishers as representatives of the news media. I authored several peer-reviewed papers in technical journals, including, for example, Miranda, S., and Caruso, R. "The Importance of Transparency in Regulation" ASME Open J. Engineering ASME. January 2023 2 021002 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4056536>. The paper discusses, inter alia, the OIG's findings and methods, which are presented in its audit report, OIG-22-A-12. Please take note of the following cases: *Campbell v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 334 U.S. App. D.C. (1998) (administrative and seemingly repetitious information is not exempt from fee-waiver consideration); *Project on Military Procurement* (agencies cannot reject a fee waiver based on the assumption that the information sought is covered by a FOIA exemption); and *Landmark Legal Foundation v. Internal Revenue Service*, 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21722 (D.C.D. 1998) (the fact that the information will soon be turned over to a public body does not exempt the material from fee-waiver consideration). Please inform me before any fees are demanded. I can be contacted at sm0973@gmail.com, if necessary to discuss any aspect of this request. I look forward to receiving the requested documents and a full fee waiver within twenty (20) business days.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID other

Fee waiver yes

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