



# RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number

FOIA-2023-000053

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Response Type



Interim



Final

Requester:

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Date:

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### Description of Requested Records:

The briefing packages, written during calendar years 2018-2021, which NRC's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) evaluated for its audit, "Audit of the NRC's Drop-In Meeting Policies and Procedures"(OIG-22-A-12, ADAMS No. ML22266A058), as further refined.

## 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 the NRC Public Access Link (PAL), at <https://foia.nrc-gateway.gov/app/Home.aspx>.
- 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 email to [FOIA.resource@nrc.gov](mailto: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." You may file an appeal through the NRC Public Access Link (PAL) at <https://foia.nrc-gateway.gov/app/Home.aspx>.

## 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) 415-0717.

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 email OGIS at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto: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

Upon receipt of your request, our office reached out to you in an effort to narrow the scope of your request. You agreed to limit the universe of briefing books to those prepared ahead of drop-in (rather than site) visits and to visits by certain categories of external visitors (e.g., NRC licensees, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO).) You also agreed that, with respect to each briefing book, you wanted to see the following items of information: [1] the names and titles of all visitors, [2] the names and titles of participating NRC employees, and [3] the (anticipated) topics of discussion. The remaining portions of each briefing book, that is, those providing background on the expected topics of discussion, any organizational charts and biographical information of the visitors, and logistical details would be considered "nonresponsive records."

With the assistance of the OIG auditors, we identified the briefing books the auditors reviewed during the audit. Based upon our review of the briefing books, and the records' Properties in ADAMS, our office identified the program office that prepared each briefing book. Based upon this narrowing of the scope of the responsive records, we tasked the program offices that prepared the briefing books: the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), the Office of Nuclear Material Security and Safeguards (NMSS), the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), and the Office of International Programs (OIP). This interim response addresses the one briefing book prepared by RES staff, as well as 15 of the briefing books prepared by NRR staff. We are continuing to work on the remaining packages and expect to issue one or more responses in the near future. We appreciate your patience.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

**Karen E. Danoff**

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