



# RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number

FOIA-2024-000169

Response Number

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Response Type

Interim

Final

Requester:

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Date:

June 26, 2024

Description of Requested Records:

Records associated with the former Maywood Chemical Company/Stepan Chemical Company/Maywood Chemical Works facility in Maywood, NJ, and Docket 40-8610, prior to 1980; and certain inspection records, docket books, and correspondence as indicated in the May 24, 2024 request.

## 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
<b>\$176.58</b>

- 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

The FOIA office received your request on May 24, 2024. Upon receipt of your signed NRC 509, Statement of Estimated Fees for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request on June 6, 2024, we tasked Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region I (Region I), the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards (NMSS) to produce all of the requested documents.

NRR and NMSS located no responsive documents. Based upon Region I staff review and disclosure recommendations, 49 responsive documents have been made publicly available in the NRC's official record-keeping repository, ADAMS, via the following Accession Numbers:

ML20126E867, ML010960164, ML011290374, ML20126E871, ML010960218, ML013410244, ML013410253, ML20126E874, ML013410257, ML20126E877, ML010990159, ML010990190, ML20126E882, ML013450005, ML22027A500, ML22027A501, ML22027A496, ML22027A498, ML22027A497, ML013450012, ML22027A499, ML20126E885, ML010990231, ML20006B843, ML011100713, ML20126E890, ML22041A339, ML012410212, ML22027A493, ML22027A494, ML22027A495, ML22027A491, ML013410262, ML012410162, ML011080772, ML22041A342, ML010990271, ML22027A487, ML22027A486, ML20030A647, ML011090480, ML20030A643, ML20151D398, ML010990292, ML22027A488, ML22027A489, ML20126E893, ML20151D390, ML011130209

No correspondence between Daniel Samela (Stone & Webster, Inc.) and Walter Hill (Stepan Company plant engineer) regarding boiler usage, dated February 2000, was located.

No documents contained in or associated with the "Stepan Chemical Company Docket Book I" were located.

Records with an ML accession number are publicly available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.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](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov).

### Part I.A Fees:

Note that we previously estimated search time of 2.5 hours for this request. Because no fee is charged for the first 2.00 hours of search time, your fee was estimated at a rate of \$88.29 per hour for 0.50 hours, for a total of \$44.15 for this request. The total actual search time to complete this request was 4.00 hours. Because no fee is charged for the first 2.00 hours of search time, you will be billed for 2.00 hours total at a rate of \$88.29 per hour, for a total fee of \$176.58 for this request. No review time will be billed.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

**Alecia S. Sillah**

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