



RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number

FOIA-2024-000096

Response Number

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Response Type

Interim

Final

Requester:

Jan Kuwahara

Date:

03/01/2024

Description of Requested Records:

Any records reflecting that the requester's late father, Denis John Kuwahara, was involved with solving the problems at the Three Mile Island (TMI) nuclear power plant.

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. 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, 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, we tasked the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) to search for any records indicating that your father had been employed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; OCHCO staff found no records. We also tasked the Office of Administration (ADM) to search for any records, thinking that your father may have been under contract as a consultant. ADM staff informed us that they do not have records dating back to the time of the TMI incident, so they did not locate any responsive records. We also tasked the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), given their areas of responsibility, but NRR staff did not locate any responsive records. NRR staff suggested that we also task the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Standards (NMSS), since the TMI plant is in decommissioned status. So, we tasked NMSS as well; NMSS staff responded that they did not find any responsive records. Finally, we tasked the Office of the Secretary to the Commission (SECY), which includes the NRC Historian, to see whether they had any records responsive to your request. SECY staff did not find any records.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

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