

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number

FOIA-2024-000034

Response Number

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Response
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Interim

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Final

Requester:

Sarah Milov

Date:

January 23, 2025

Description of Requested Records:

All materials relating to what Kerr-McGee, the AEC and its successor agency, the NRC, knew about [Karen] Silkwood's plutonium contamination.

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

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You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.

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You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.

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Fees waived.

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Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees.

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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

We received your request on November 13, 2023. Your request noted that you believed the records to which you seek access were likely produced between November 7, 1974 and November 13, 1974, though they may not have been filed for several months. We tasked the Office of Investigations (OI) and Region IV (RIV) to search for any responsive records.

OI staff searched for records responsive to your request and found no records. RIV staff searched for records responsive to your request and found records.

In addition to the records that we have enclosed, RIV staff did find a package of 31 records from the 1970's that is already publicly available in the NRC's official recordkeeping repository, Agencywide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) in the Main Library (ML). The accession number for this package of records is ML23297A078 which you may access through this link: <https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML23297A078>.

Finally, we note that, although there had been multiple FOIA requests for records relating to the Silkwood matter that the NRC processed years ago, and had made available to the public in the NRC's Public Document Room, due to record disposition schedules, they are no longer available.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Alecia S. Sillah

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