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 Subject: [\[Outgoing\] Senator Steve Daines FOIA request received for Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#)
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 A new FOIA request was submitted to your agency component:

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Request

Request ID: 2360126
 Confirmation ID: 2363581

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Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID: media
 Fee waiver: yes

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Willing to pay: 50

Expedited processing

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Additional information

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