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(03-13-2023)

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number	Response Number
FOIA-2026-000285	1

Response Type: ☐ Interim ☑ Final

Requester:	Date:
Joseph Perusic	4/9/2026

Description of Requested Records:

NRC records related to the licensing, regulation, inspection, or safety oversight of cobalt-60 teletherapy units and other therapeutic radiation devices used in U.S. hospitals from January 1, 1950 through December 31, 1990.

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, which initially asked for radiation therapy guidance, correspondence, protocols, and grant files relating to cobalt-60 teletherapy and patient follow up, we explained the mission of the NRC and clarified the scope of your request to the search indicated in the Description of Requested Records, above.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulates commercial nuclear power plants and other uses of nuclear materials, such as in nuclear medicine, through licensing, inspection, and enforcement of its requirements. The NRC is not responsible for the medical applicability of nuclear materials, to include its efficacy.

In response to FOIA-2026-000217, which sought "licensing, regulatory oversight, regulatory correspondence, and facility authorization records relating to cobalt-60 teletherapy for the period of January 1, 1950 through December 31, 1979," the NRC provided you with a list of 2,040 documents as well as access instructions for those items as a courtesy. Records for the additional period of January 1, 1980 through December 31,1990 may also be available in ADAMS.

We recommend you search through the ADAMS system for the additional date range, and/or submit a FOIA request to the National Institute of Health (https://www.nih.gov/institutes-nih/nih-office-director/office-communications-public-liaison/freedom-information-act-office), which may maintain records related to your initial request as written prior to your clarification of scope.

This completes our response to your request.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Alecia S. Sillah

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