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Mr. Dustin Slaughter
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Dear Mr. Slaughter:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on January 20, 2022.

Your requests, which seek access to any and all records pertaining to sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) at or in the vicinity of the (1) Limerick Generating Station, from June 19, 1974 to present; and (2) Susquehanna Steam Electric Station from November 2, 1973, has been assigned the following reference numbers that you should use in any future communications with us about your request(s): NRC-2022-000068 and NRC-2022-000069, respectively.

To ensure the most equitable treatment possible of all requesters, the NRC processes requests on a first-in, first-out basis, using a multiple track system based upon the estimated time it will take to process a request. Based on your description of records, we have placed your requests in the simple track. The statutory due date for our response is February 17, 2022.

We will try our best to complete work on your requests by the statutory due date; however, the actual date of completion might be before or after the statutory due date based on the complexity of all the requests in the simple track. In an effort to process your requests promptly, you may wish to narrow the scope of your requests to limit the number of responsive records.

For purposes of assessing fees in accordance with our regulations (10 CFR 9.33), we have placed your requests in the following category: non-excepted. If applicable, you will be charged appropriate fees for: search and duplication.¹ Unless you state otherwise, we expect to provide our response, including any released records, electronically. You will not incur duplication charges if we respond to you electronically.

A sheet has been enclosed that explains in detail the fee charges that may be applicable. Please do not submit any payment unless we notify you to do so.

¹ Yesterday, we received your FOIA request, NRC-2022-000064 and NRC-2022-000065. Under 10 CFR 9.38(e), the NRC may aggregate requests in determining search and duplication services that may be provided without charge if the NRC finds a requester has filed multiple requests that actually constitute a single request, and that the requests involve clearly related matters. We have now received four requests, all pertaining to UFO activity at nuclear power plants. Based on the language in this regulation, we are aggregating all four (and any future requests for this same type of information) of your requests for purposes of assessing fees.

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Brittany Johnson (Contractor, Pathfinder Consultants, LLC) is the person assigned responsibility for your request in support of the NRC's Office of the Chief Information Officer. She may be reached by telephone at 301-415-3740 or via email to brittany.johnson@nrc.gov.]

If you have questions on any matters concerning your FOIA request, please feel free to contact Ms. Johnson or me at (301) 415-7169.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Blaney /s/

Stephanie A. Blaney
FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure:
Explanation of Fees

EXPLANATION OF FEES

Requester Fee Categories

Commercial: Fees are charged for search, duplication, and review when records are requested for commercial purposes. Fees (above the minimum fee charge) cannot be waived for this category of requester.

Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific Institution, Representative of the News Media, and Privacy Act: Fees may be charged only for document duplication when records are not sought for commercial use and the request is made by an Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific Institution, whose purpose is scholarly or scientific research; or a Representative of the News Media; or a person requesting his/her own records that are maintained in a Privacy Act system of records. No fee is charged for the first 100 pages of duplication for this category of requester.

Non-Excepted: For any request not described above, fees may be charged for document search and duplication. No fee is charged for the first two hours of search time or for the first 100 pages of duplication for this category of requester.

Fee Schedules

Search and Review Charges: Fee schedules provide only for the recovery of the direct costs of search, duplication, or review. Review costs include only the costs for initial examination of a document to determine whether it must be disclosed and to determine whether to withhold portions that are exempt from disclosure. The fee schedule is as follows:

<u>For Search & Review Conducted By</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
SES/COMMISSIONER	\$ 103.24/hour (ES-maximum)
PROFESSIONAL	\$ 81.72/hour (GG-14, Step 7)
CLERICAL	\$ 40.10/hour (GG-9, Step 7)

Duplication Charge: \$0.20/page

Other Charges: Fees for non-standard search or duplication will be charged at the actual cost (e.g. providing copying of audio tapes or conducting computer searches).

Minimum Fee: No fee will be charged unless the fee is greater than \$25.00.

When to Pay Fees

If we estimate that fees will not exceed \$25.00 or you have stated in your request a higher amount that you are willing to pay, we assume your willingness to pay up to \$25.00 or the amount specified, and you will be billed after we have completed your request.

If we estimate that fees will exceed \$25.00 or any amount that has been stated by you in your request, we will not proceed with your request until we have notified you and obtained your agreement to pay the estimated fees.

If we estimate fees will exceed \$250.00, you will be required to pay the estimated fees in advance before we proceed further with your request. If the actual fees to process your request are less than any advance payment you have made, you will be refunded the overpayment amount.

Fee Waivers

A waiver or reduction of fees may be granted for furnishing documents if a requester, by fully addressing the eight factors in 10 CFR 9.41, clearly demonstrates that disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.