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14 15	UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, and DOES 1 to 10, inclusive,	(FOIA) RE	CORDS			
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Plaintiff MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, for his complaint against Defendant UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC), alleges as follows:

- 1. This is an action under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to compel production of Plaintiff's FOIA requests to the NRC. Specifically, this action challenges the NRC and its contractors' decision to postpone and deny production of the FOIA records sought by Plaintiff. The NRC improperly empowered the nuclear waste owner it is charged with regulating to make the decision as to what records, if any, will be produced by the NRC in response to Plaintiff's FOIA requests.
- The NRC is a federal agency charged with the duty to continuously inspect nuclear power plants and enforce safety regulations to ensure people and the environment are adequately protected from uses of radioactive material. As a federal agency, the NRC is also charged with the duty to comply with record production laws under FOIA.
- 3. One nuclear site the NRC is charged with overseeing is a site that stores 3.6 million pounds of nuclear waste on a beach in San Diego, California. That site is the location of a decommissioned nuclear power plant, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (San Onofre), owned and operated by an investorowned electric utility.
- 4. There is a legitimate public concern that coastal flooding and erosion hazards will degrade the containers holding the spent nuclear fuel, making them unsafe to transport to a safer location. At this site, there are 2,668 spent fuel assemblies loaded into storage canisters being transferred from spent fuel pools to a bunker buried on the edge of the Pacific Ocean in San Onofre:

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- 5. The NRC's repeated failure to address the nuclear waste owner's clear pattern of safety violations shows the NRC, the purported independent federal agency charged with enforcing safety regulations and informing the public, has been captured by the nuclear waste it is supposed to regulate.
- There is a profound public interest in learning whether the NRC is 6. abdicating its FOIA responsibilities by transferring to a nuclear waste owner within its regulatory jurisdiction the control to decide what records, if any, should be produced under the FOIA to the Plaintiff, as detailed in this operative complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this action arises under the laws of the United States: 5 U.S.C. § 552.
- 8. This Court also enjoys jurisdiction pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B), under which, "the district court of the United States in the district in which the complainant resides, or has his principal place of business... has jurisdiction to enjoin the agency from withholding agency records and to order the production of any agency records improperly withheld from the complainant" because, among other things, Plaintiff lives in this District.
- 9. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B) and 28 U.S.C. § 1931 because, among other things, Plaintiff's principal place of business is in this District.

PARTIES

10. Plaintiff MICHAEL AGUIRRE is a resident of this District and is an attorney at the law firm AGUIRRE & SEVERSON, LLP, which is his principal

- place of business at 501 West Broadway, Suite 1050, San Diego, California 92101.

 Plaintiff brings this action in his personal capacity as a certified fraud examiner and former elected official with a strong personal interest in open government that operates transparently as to its conduct and records.
 - 11. Defendant United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has the records Plaintiff requested.

STANDARD OF JUDICIAL REVIEW IN FOIA CASES

- 12. FOIA provides a statutory basis for citizens to request documents from the federal governments and its various departments, agencies and/or officers. *See generally* 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*
- 13. The Supreme Court has explained: "Without question, the Act is broadly conceived. It seeks to permit access to official information long-shielded unnecessarily from public view and attempts to create a judicially enforceable public right to secure such information from possibly unwilling official hands." *EPA v. Mink*, 410 U.S. 73, 80 (1973); *See also U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reports Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 754 (1989) (FOIA embodies "a general philosophy of full agency disclosure.").
- 14. Therefore, FOIA serves to "pierce the veil of administrative secrecy and to open agency action to the light of public scrutiny." *Dep't of the Air Force v. Rose*, 425 U.S. 352, 361 (1976). The policy embodied by FOIA "is to ensure an informed citizenry, vital to the functioning of a democratic society, needed to check against corruption and to hold the governors accountable to the governed." *NLRB v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 U.S. 214, 242 (1978).
- 15. A district court's review of a government agency's decision to withhold documents requested under FOIA is *de novo*, and the burden is on the agency to justify its actions of nondisclosure. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B); *Kreindler v. Department of Navy*, 363 F. Supp. 611, 613 (D.C.N.Y. 1973).

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6	(1989).
5	in favor of disclosure. John Doe Agency v. John Doe Corp., 493 U.S. 146, 152
4	U.S. 1136 (1996). Courts must construe FOIA's statutory exemptions narrowly and
3	of Health and Human Services, 70 F.3d 729, 732 (2nd Cir. 1995), cert. denied 517
2	any exemption from disclosure applies. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B); Ortiz v. U.S. Dep't
1	16. In FOIA cases, the government bears the burden of establishing that

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The NRC Allowed Its Regulated Nuclear Waste Owner to Decide What **A.** Records to Disclose, or Not Disclose, to Plaintiff

1. Plaintiff's FOIA Request: NRC 2019-000304

17. On 29 May 2019, the NRC received Plaintiff's request asking the NRC to produce "any records or communications related to the documents the NRC has referred to the nuclear waste owner, Southern California Edison (SCE), as a result of FOIA requests related to the safety violations occurring at San Onofre nuclear waste site in San Diego, CA." The NRC has given this request the following identification: NRC-2019-000304.

2. The NRC's Response

- 18. Rather than produce the documents requested in NRC-2019-000304 under the FOIA, the NRC has improperly involved the nuclear waste owner it is charged with regulating in the decision on what, if any records, should be produced.
- 19. On 11 June 2019, the NRC responded to the FOIA request (NRC 2019-000304). In its response, the NRC represented to Plaintiff:

Whenever records received from a licensee are determined to be responsive to a FOIA request, in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552 and Executive Order 12,600, our office informs the licensee of the FOIA request and solicits their views respecting their proprietary (or other) interests in the records that are responsive to the FOIA request. The records deemed responsive to your prior FOIA requests (as described above), which we referred to Southern California Edison (SCE) are currently pending review by our agency. The disposition of these records will be provided in our agency's response to the respective FOIA requests.

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- 20. In this complaint, Plaintiff challenges the NRC's action requesting permission of the San Onofre nuclear waste owner before producing the requested FOIA records in NRC 2019-000304. The NRC's actions were not in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552 and Executive Order 12600. The NRC should not have requested the nuclear waste owner's "views respecting their proprietary (or other) interests in the records that are responsive to the FOIA request."
- 21. This complaint challenges the legal basis of the NRC to arbitrarily act in response to the FOIA request as follows:

"To the extent our office has received SCE's input as to the nature of their interests (if any) in the records, such input will be considered, along with NRC staff's disclosure recommendations, by the FOIA Officer in making her disclosure determination on the SCE records. Accordingly, at this time, they are being withheld in their entirety under FOIA exemption 5 as it incorporates the deliberative process privilege."

- 22. The wrongful actions of the NRC to involve the nuclear waste owner are detailed in the following communications and exchanges between the nuclear waste owner and NRC officials and those with whom it contracts. The NRC has also delegated the function of complying with the FOIA to a private corporation, QualX. The NRC has awarded QualX millions of dollars to perform FOIA support services.
- 23. After Plaintiff requested the NRC produce its communications with the nuclear waste owner regarding the role of the nuclear waste owner in deciding what records to produce under the FOIA, the following communications between the nuclear waste owner and the NRC officials and owners took place.

Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 1

24. On 11 March 2019, QualX employees ghostwrote the following communication in the name of Stephanie A. Blaney, an NRC FOIA Officer, to Jonathan McGaw, someone contracted to work for the nuclear waste owner:

The enclosed CD of records were identified by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff as responsive to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Under the

provisions of the FOIA, the NRC must determine whether the records, or any portions of the records, should be withheld from public disclosure.

The NRC must determine which portion(s) of the records, if any, should be withheld from public disclosure under exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), and 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4), because they contain trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information ("proprietary information"). We need information from you to assist us in determining whether any information contained in these records falls within FOIA exemption 4.

In addition, as the records originated with you, we are soliciting your comments on whether any portions of these records should be considered critical energy/electric infrastructure information (CEII). The NRC and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the treatment of CEII (https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML 1816/ML 18164A182.pdf). Any information designated by FERC as CEII would be exempt from disclosure under exemption 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to Section 215A of Part II of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8240-1.

You may either "mark" electronically (by using Adobe's highlight or comment functionality), or provide a separate narrative identifying any portions that your company believes should be withheld (e.g., by page, section, or paragraph). However, please make sure that you clearly identify which portions your company treats as proprietary, and which portions you believe should be considered CEII. Please return to me your marked copy, or narrative, along with the answers to the following questions in sufficient explanatory detail to permit the NRC to make a determination. If you do not object to the disclosure of the records, you need not answer the questions below.

If you believe any of the information in the enclosed records should be treated as proprietary, please answer the following questions:

- 1. Was the information transmitted to, and received by, the NRG in confidence? Please give details as to the circumstances in which the NRG obtained this information.
- 2. To the best of your knowledge, is the information currently available in any public sources?
- 3. Does your company customarily treat this information, or this type of information, as confidential? Please explain why.
- 4. Would public disclosure of this information be likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of your company? If so, how?
- 5. Since this information was transmitted to the NRG, have any events altered the proprietary character of the information? If so, please explain.

If you believe any of the information in the enclosed records should be 1 considered CEII, please answer the following two questions: 2 1. Why do you believe the information should be considered CEII? 3 2. CEII? How long do you believe the information should be considered 4 We will consider carefully the response you provide to us. If the NRG determines that any information that your company identified in 5 response to this letter should be disclosed, we will notify you of our 6 determination, including a description of the information to be disclosed, the reason(s) for the NRC's determination, and the date by 7 which the information will be made available to the public. 10 CFR 9.28(c). 8 9 Please provide your response to **Tina Ennis** no later than **April 10**, **2019.** If we have not heard from you by this date, you will be considered to have no objection to disclosure of any of the records. We 10 realize there are a lot of records to review, and would appreciate it 11 if you would provide partial responses upon completion of your review of a group of records at a time. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach Tina Ennis at [redacted] or 12 Tina.Ennis@nrc.gov 13 **Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 2** 14 25. The following email exchange occurred between NRC contractor Tina 15 Ennis and its regulated nuclear waste owner consultant, Jonathan McGaw: 16 **From:** Ennis, Tina <TINA.ENNIS@nrc.gov> 17 **Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 5:06 AM **To:** Jonathan W. McGaw < Jonathan. W. McGaw @ sdaorg.com > 18 Cc: walkermatthews@SCE.com **Subject:** Mailing Address 19 20 Good morning Mr. McGaw, 21 I was given your name as the contact person to provide records that are responsive to a FOIA request, regarding the dry cask incident at 22 SONGS. Would you please provide your mailing address, as the file is too large to send via email. 23 *** 24 From: Jonathan W. McGaw < Jonathan. W. McGaw @ sdaorg.com > **Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:55 AM **To:** Ennis, Tina < TINA.ENNIS@nrc.gov> 25 Cc: walkermatthews@SCE.com 26 **Subject:** [External_Sender] RE: Mailing Address for San Onofre 27 28

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1	Good morning, Ms. Ennis.					
2	My mailing address is:					
3	Jonathan McGaw c/o Southern California Edison					
4	San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station					
5	P.O. BOX 128, Mail Stop 021 San Clemente, CA 92672 If you have any questions or require additional information, please call					
6	me.					
7	Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 3					
8	26. Two days later, on 13 March 2019, the nuclear waste owner					
9	acknowledged receipt of the NRC contractor's CD and the NRC's postponement of					
10	review of the records for almost a month – until 10 April 2019:					
11	From: Jonathan W. McGaw < Jonathan. W. McGaw @ sdaorg.com >					
12	From: Jonathan W. McGaw < Jonathan.W.McGaw@sdaorg.com> Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:30 PM To: Ennis, Tina < TINA.ENNIS@nrc.gov> Co: Welker Matthews (Welker Matthews)					
13	Subject: [External_Sender] SONGS FOIA Package Received on					
14	March 13, 2019					
15	Good afternoon, Tina.					
16 17	I just wanted to let you know that I received your package today. I am busy on other items today, but will open the disk and start processing the requests internally, tomorrow. As you requested, I will work to send them back to you in partial groups, real-time. I see that you have					
18	send them back to you in partial groups, real-time. I see that you have requested us to complete our effort no later than April 10, 2019. If I have any questions, I will let you know.					
19	If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.					
20	Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 4					
21	27. On 14 March 2019, the NRC contractor provided another set of					
22	documents purportedly responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request to the nuclear waste					
23	owner, and relinquished to it control over whether the documents would be released					
24	to Plaintiff:					
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Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 6 1 29. On 5 April 2019, the NRC contractor had the following exchange with 2 3 the nuclear waste owner consultant: 4 **From:** Ennis, Tina <TINA.ENNIS@nrc.gov> Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 3:57 AM To: Jonathan W. McGaw < Jonathan.W.McGaw@sdaorg.com> 5 **Subject:** NRC-2019-000034 6 Good morning Jonathan, 7 Thanks for calling to inform that you are in the final stages of review on the subject FOIA. An emailed response is preferred. However, if 8 the response is too large to email, please feel free to mail at: 9 **FOIA Office** 10 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mailstop: T6-A60M 11 Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attn: Tina Ennis 12 Jonathan W. McGaw From: 13 To: Ennis, Tina Albert Bates; Jeffrey S. Summy [External_Sender] RE: NRC-2019-000034 • FOIA Cc: 14 **Subject:** Request 15 Friday, April 05, 2019 2:07:31 PM image001.png Date: **Attachments:** 16 Thank you, Tina. It is not too big, so I will e-mail the response to you. 17 I am just awaiting my manager's signature, then it will be on its way to you. It will either be today or Monday. Thanks again and have a safe 18 and enjoyable weekend! **Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 7** 19 30. On 17 April 2019, the NRC contractor again provided the nuclear 20 21 waste owner the opportunity to determine which what additional records, if any, should be produced to Plaintiff under the FOIA: 22 23 **From:** Ennis, Tina Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 7:08 AM 24 **To:** MARK MORGÁN <mark.morgan@sce.com> Cc: Albert Bates < ALBERT.BATES@sdaorg.com> Subject: Another FOIA - NRC-2019-000239 25 26 Hi Mark, 27 We received another requester for a different set of records than recently reviewed, pertaining to the March 25, 2019 webinar regarding 28 the SONGS incident (see request attached). I have mailed a CD (via 10

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provisions of the FOIA, the NRC must determine whether the records, or any portions of the records, should be withheld from public disclosure.

The NRC must determine which portion(s) of the records, if any, should be withheld from public disclosure under exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), and 10 CFR 9.17(a)(4), because they contain trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information ("proprietary information"). We need information from you to assist us in determining whether any information contained in these records falls within FOIA exemption 4.

In addition, as the records originated with you, we are soliciting your comments on whether any portions of these records should be considered critical energy/electric infrastructure information (CEII). The NRC and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the treatment of CEII (https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML 1816/ML 18164A182.pdf). Any information designated by FERC as CEII would be exempt from disclosure under exemption 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to Section 215A of Part II of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8240-1.

Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 10

33. On 25 April 2019, the NRC contractor and the nuclear waste owner consultant engaged in an email exchange, further delaying the required production of records to Plaintiff.

From: Jeffrey S. Summy < Jeff.Summy@sdaorg.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 5:43 PM

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To: Ennis, Tina <TINA.ENNIS@nrc.gov>
Cc: William W. Strom <William.Strom@sdaorg.com>; MARK

MORGAN <mark.morga n@sce.-com>; 19 ALBERT BATES <al.bates@sce.com>

Subject: [Externa 1_Sender] Another FOIA - NRC-2019-000239

Mark received an email on April 17th indicating we would be receiving another CD. As of today we have not received the FedEx package. I wonder if you could provide the FedEx tracking number so we can find out where the package might be. Thanks in advance for

your help.

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25 From: Ennis, Tina

To:

Jeffrey S. Summy William W. Strom; MARK MORGAN; Cc: 26

ALBERT BATES

RE: Another FOIA • NRC-2019-000239 27 Subject:

Friday, April 26, 2019 8:38:00 AM Date:

28 **Attachments:** image001.png

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Our mailroom has no record of sending it; therefore, I resent today via USPS priority express mail. The tracking number is EE 246 186 151 US.

Nuclear Waste Owner Communication No. 11

34. On 8 May 2019, the NRC contractor and the nuclear waste owner consultant had another exchange regarding the production of documents responsive to Plaintiff's requests for records under the FOIA; the NRC refused to produce the documents, citing the deliberative process privilege.

B. Public Interest in Disclosure of Documents Requested Under FOIA

- 35. The duty of the NRC is to produce records under FOIA unless they are expressly exempted. The NRC cannot allow the companies that it is supposed to be regulating to determine what records the public is entitled to obtain under the FOIA.
- 36. The information requested under FOIA by Plaintiff in this case would inform the public about the extent to which the NRC is allowing the nuclear waste owner to determine what records will be produced to Plaintiff under the FOIA related to any NRC violations of public trust. Those violations involve the threat to public health and safety and the general welfare of over eight million people living in and around the nuclear waste stored at the San Diego beach site. There is an obvious public interest in a full and thorough airing of serious abuses that did in fact occur at the San Diego nuclear waste site, in the hope that such abuses will not occur in the future.
- 37. There is a deep public interest in finding out the extent to which the NRC is allowing the nuclear waste owner to control production of pertinent records under the FOIA. Plaintiff has raised substantial questions about the extent to which the NRC is colluding with the nuclear waste owner, thereby placing the health and safety of the people in the San Diego region at risk.
- 38. The information sought will show the extent to which the NRC and the utility it is supposed to regulate colluded to prevent the disclosure of ongoing safety

violations, and whether the NRC failed to take the necessary steps to enforce safety regulations at the San Diego nuclear site. It will shine light on whether the NRC's actions are failing to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

C. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedy is Futile

- 39. The NRC summarily denied Plaintiff's request for expedited processing. Although the NRC has lodged Plaintiff's objections as an "appeal [from] the denial of expedited processing and challenging the Commercial fee category," the NRC has demonstrated no clear intention to produce the records of communication between the NRC and the nuclear waste owner it purports to regulate. Worse, it appears to have abdicated its responsibilities under the FOIA to a contractor and the utility it is charged with regulating.
- 40. The NRC's actions illustrate collusion with the nuclear waste owner operating the San Diego nuclear waste site. During the 9 August 2018 CEP meeting, the NRC willingly allowed utility officials to repeatedly misrepresent the facts to the public relating to the seriousness of the misalignment incident that took place at the nuclear site. The NRC then allowed the nuclear waste owner to delay formal reporting for another six weeks after the meeting. This collusive effort to cover up the safety violations occurring at the San Diego nuclear waste site evidence the NRC has been captured by the nuclear waste owner it is supposed to regulate; therefore, any exhaustion of administrative remedies would be futile.
- 41. Moreover, Plaintiff has made several FOIA requests to the NRC over the last three months; however, the NRC has failed to produce the vast majority of records requested. In addition to a number of other pretexts, the NRC contractor and the NRC are now using the need to obtain the nuclear waste owners' permission before the records can be produced. In doing so, it is putting in the hands of the privately owned utility it is charged with regulating the decision as to whether Plaintiff should obtain records under FOIA public records that may indeed show collusion between the two.

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- 42. Instead, the NRC merely lodges Plaintiff's objections as "appeals" in what seems an agency-instituted means to prolong the process and delay production, while the NRC never really intends to grant the request in the first place. The NRC provides mere lip-service to the laws under FOIA, but its actions demonstrate no intention of actually producing the records Plaintiff has requested, and show a transfer of authority to a private company to make the FOIA decisions.
- 43. The NRC has only exposed itself to the public through vehicles created by the nuclear waste owner it is supposed to regulate: the Community Engagement Panel. However, the duties of the NRC are not those of a mere participant, but as a regulator that must hold independent meetings to inform the public of the NRC's enforcement actions to ensure the storage of nuclear waste in San Diego is done transparently and safely. The NRC has acted as a mere appendage to the nuclear waste owner it is charged with regulating. This collusive behavior and evasive tactics to avoid producing the requested records demonstrate the NRC's lack of intention to produce the records.
- 44. Therefore, based on the NRC's history of failing to produce records, summary denials, and dilatory tactics, Plaintiff has exhausted all administrative remedies under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(ii).
- 45. Further, any other exhaustion of administrative remedies would be inadequate and futile. Time is of the essence because the millions of people living in the cities and counties surrounding the site must be aware of the relationship between NRC and the utilities it is supposed to regulate.
- 46. The NRC has already identified ongoing safety violations at the San Diego nuclear waste site but has failed to produce the necessary records for the public to understand exactly what happened. The failure to produce records is just another example of what appears to be a collusive effort between the NRC and the nuclear waste owner it purports to regulate and suggests a cover-up of safety failure issues.

1	47.	Without these key records, those operating the waste site may resume			
2	downloading the canisters without correcting the problems already created and				
3	identified in the NRC proceedings. Meanwhile, Plaintiff and the public remain in				
4	the dark.				
5		FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION			
6		DECLARATORY JUDGMENT			
7	48.	The allegations made in the paragraphs above are fully alleged herein			
8	by reference.				
9	49.	The FOIA instructs the federal government, including the NRC, to			
10	publicly release the requested records.				
11	50.	The NRC has not provided the requested records to Plaintiff.			
12	51.	Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgment that the NRC produce Plaintiff's			
13	requested records immediately pursuant to FOIA.				
14		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION			
15		VIOLATION OF FOIA			
16	52.	The allegations made in the paragraphs above are fully alleged herein			
17	by reference	e.			
18	53.	Plaintiff seeks that the NRC release the requested records.			
19	54.	Plaintiff has exhausted any administrative remedies and has received			
20	none of the records requested.				
21	55.	The FOIA instructs the federal government, including the NRC, to			
22	publicly rel	lease the requested records.			
23	56.	Upon substantially prevailing, Plaintiff should be awarded his costs			
24	and attorne	ys' fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).			
25		PRAYER FOR RELIEF			
26	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that:				
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27	1.	The Court declare that the NRC's failure to respond to Plaintiff's			

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