



RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

2021-000220

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RESPONSE TYPE INTERIM FINAL

REQUESTER:

Case A. Dam

DATE:

08/17/2021

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

Any and all records or documents that mention, reference or relate to Valley Engineers, Inc.'s contract with the Atomic Energy Commission and Valley Engineers, Inc.'s work in 1964 installing water transmission lines and the pumping plants located in or around Mercury, Nevada.

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 FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>.
- 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

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| <p>AMOUNT</p> <p>\$0.00</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> You will receive a refund for the amount indicated. | <input type="checkbox"/> Due to our delayed response, you will not be charged search and/or duplication fees that would otherwise be applicable to your request. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees waived. | |

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 e-mail 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." Only a pre-registered user may file an appeal through FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. A user who has not registered an account prior to filing the initial FOIA request may still submit an appeal by one of the above mentioned options.

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) 415-1276.

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 e-mail 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, our office conducted some preliminary research to figure out which program and/or regional offices may have records responsive to your request. That research indicated that Mercury, Nevada is close to Yucca Mountain. On that basis, our office tasked the Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards (NMSS) and Region IV to search for any responsive records; none were located.

When the Atomic Energy Commission was abolished, the promotional and regulatory duties were assigned to the Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, respectively. In light of this, you may wish to explore the following link to the DOE website: <https://www.energy.gov/listings/list-yucca-mountain-archival-documents>. If you do not find what you are looking for, you may wish to submit a FOIA request to the DOE, if you have not already done so. Information about submitting a FOIA request to DOE may be found at this link: <https://www.energy.gov/management/submit-foia-request>.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

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