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Record Description:

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Subject :- Nuclear process at Yongbyon nuclear complex - current operational position of Yongbyon nuclear complex - IAEA afeguards - A request under FOIA.

Sir,

Nuclear process that sent the world powers into a tizzy, North Korea on April 25, 2009 announced the reactivation of its reprocessing plant at the Yongbyon nuclear complex. This clearly marked the country's renewed efforts at resuming its nuclear weapons programme. The announcement, which has sparked tensions between North Koria and various other nations, was made days after the country expelled IAEA inspectors and the US monitors from the nuclear complex.

The anti-proliferation sanctions were first imposed on the country in the context of its detonation of a nuclear explosive device and also missile tests in 2006.

This nuclear process has been viewed as alarming by nations across the world and North Koria was urged to exercise restraint in the run-up to the N-process. The issue has triggered concerns in various countries, especially in the east Asian nations.

On the other hand, North Koria government said that the resumption of reprocessing would contribute to the bolstering of its nuclear deterrence for self-defense.

In view of above circumstances, I would like to seek two information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to provide me a copy of facts regarding reports of i) expelling of the IAEA inspectors and US monitors from Yongbyon nuclear complex by North Koria recently ii) a copy of official statement on current operational position of Yongbyon nuclear complex at the earliest.

FOIA fee will be sent after receiving the above information.

Thanks & Regards,

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Preferred Form or Format:

Type of Requester (if provided):

An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I agree to pay up to a specified amount for fees. Enter amount $ 15

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

yes

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

no

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

yes

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

yes

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

no

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

no

Expedited Processing:

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information)

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

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