

FOIA REQUEST

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Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of permits issued by the Atomic Energy Commission and its successors for dumping in the so-called Foul Area, located 17 miles east of Boston, Massachusetts in Cape Cod Bay. Dumping under AEC and Environmental Protection Agency permits began sometime around 1942. Radioactive waste dumping ended sometime around 1962, and industrial waste dumping ended in 1977.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$75. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

I am writing a book, which will be distributed in electronic or print format, on waste dumping in Cape Cod Bay. This issue has been reported on sporadically by the Boston news media over the past 15 years. The information will be used to ultimately show what has or hasn't been done to address the potentially harmful waste in Cape Cod Bay.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as an author and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

David W. Copeland