

June 15, 2026

Department of Defense
Department of the Army
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: FOIA Officer
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request – Project Crimson Basin

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. I am requesting all records, including but not limited to emails, internal memoranda, construction logs, and environmental impact assessments, relating to what internal documents may refer to as "Project Crimson Basin."

Scope of Request:

Please search the files of all custodians within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, acting under the authority of the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense, for the period of June 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025. I am specifically seeking records concerning any activities related to the siting, construction, or permitting of a micro-reactor facility on or near federal lands adjacent to the Grand Canyon, including any environmental impact assessments, land use permits, or Categorical Exclusion filings under section 2922a coordinated through the Army Corps of Engineers.

I am also requesting records pertaining to the handling, transport, or storage of high-enriched uranium (HEU) and TRISO fuel elements in connection with the above activities, as well as any radiological monitoring data, thermal spike event reports, or environmental sensor readings from the area designated internally as the Crimson Basin grid sector. Additionally, I am seeking any correspondence referencing the OECIF coordination office or the containment vault infrastructure at or near the site.

Expedited Processing:

I request expedited processing of this request. There is a compelling and urgent need to inform the public concerning the environmental and radiological safety of federal lands bordering the Grand Canyon National Park. As a representative of the news media, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public regarding this matter of immediate safety concern.

Fee Waiver & Media Status:

I am a representative of the news media actively gathering news for dissemination to the public. I request a waiver

of all fees; however, should fees be assessed, please notify me before incurring any costs exceeding \$25.

Withholdings & Vaughn Index:

If any portion of this request is denied, please provide a Vaughn Index describing the withheld material and the specific statutory justification for each exemption claimed. Please release all segregable, non-exempt portions of the records.

Please direct any questions regarding this request to Jordan M. Calloway at (202) 555-0147 or jcalloway@presswatch.org. I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe.

Sincerely,

Jordan M. Calloway

Investigative Reporter, PressWatch Media Group