



# HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

"Specialists in Radiation Safety"

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request with Request for Expedited Consideration

Dear Ms. Withnell:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., s. 522, the Health Physics Society, an educational and scientific non-profit society for promoting the practice of radiation safety, requests a profile of the number of radiation protection professionals that your agency employs, either directly or through contracts, which would include the terms health physicist, radiation safety technician, or the term "radiation or radiological" within the position title that are employed at your agency.

More specifically, we request:

1. The current number of radiation protection professionals at your organization
2. The number of FTE's that your agency has for these type of positions;
3. The number of open radiation protection positions
4. For each radiation protection position, please provide a copy of the position
5. A description indicating the salary and grade of each position.
6. An indication whether or not your agency hires contractors for this service.

In general, we are also interested in whether or not your agency has performed a future needs study for this particular area of expertise.

Information obtained in this survey will be used to inform key individuals in Federal agencies and Congress regarding the current and future needs for qualified radiation protection professionals to meet this country's energy, medical and security needs. We request an expedited review due to Congressional discussions affecting appropriations for health physics educational programs

Answers to the above-listed questions can be sent to me at [krk@SLAC.Stanford.EDU](mailto:krk@SLAC.Stanford.EDU) or the address above. Questions regarding the human capital crisis assessment project undertaken by the Health Physics Society can be directed to Kevin Nelson at [nelson.kevin2@mayo.edu](mailto:nelson.kevin2@mayo.edu) or 904/953-8978.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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