

# **Public Works for a Better Government**

April 1, 2015

## VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

FOIA Officer Office of the Federal Register (NF) National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6000 E-mail: foia@nara.gov

### **RE:** Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of *NFPA 221, Standard for Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls, 1994 Edition,* which is incorporated by reference in 36 CFR 1234.3(e)(2) and used in 36 CFR 1234.4.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *NFPA 221-1994* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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We will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (707) 827-7290.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of *ASTM F 1447-94, Standard Specification for Protective Headgear Used in Bicycling 1994 Edition* which is incorporated by reference in 16 CFR 1203.53(b) and used in 16 CFR 1203.53(a).

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *ASTM F 1447-94* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of ASME A17.1-2000, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators, including ASME A17.1a-2002 and ASME A17.1b-2003 Addendums, which is incorporated by reference in 36 CFR 1191, Appendix B, § 105.2.2 and used in 36 CFR 1191, Appendix D, § 407.1 et. seq.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *ASME A17.1-2000* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of ANSI/RESNA Standard WC/Vol. 1–1998, Section 13, "Wheelchairs: Determination of Coefficient of Friction of Test Surfaces" which is incorporated by reference in 49 CFR 571.5 and used in 49 CFR 571.403.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *ANSI/RESNA Standard WC/Vol. 1–1998, Section 13* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of American Association of Railroads AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C—Part III, Specification for Tank Cars, Specification M-1002, December 2000, which is incorporated by reference in 49 CFR 171.7 and used in 49 CFR 179.100-9 et. seq.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C—Part III (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of ANSI B175.1–1991, Safety Requirements for Gasoline-Powered Chain Saws, which is incorporated by reference in 29 CFR 1910.6 and used in 29 CFR 1910.266(e)(2).

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *ANSI B175.1–1991* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of Underwriters' Laboratories UL 181–2003, Standard for Safety Factory-Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors which is incorporated by reference in 24 CFR 3280.4 and used in 24 CFR 3280.702.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *UL 181–2003, Standard for Safety Factory-Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists *Threshold Limit Values for Substance in Workroom Air (1972)*, which is incorporated by reference in 30 CFR 70.1900(c).

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *Threshold Limit Values for Substance in Workroom Air* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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Dear FOIA Officer:

On behalf of Public.Resource.Org, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request a copy of American Bureau of Shipping *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways, 1995,* which is incorporated by reference in 46 CFR 114.600 and used in 46 CFR 116.300.

Please provide the record in electronic form if possible.

If it is your position that *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways* (or portions thereof) is exempt from disclosure, please state the basis of the denial of each portion of the record withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the record.

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