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Dr. Rusi P. Taleyarkhan
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Dear Drs., Taleyarkhan and Vierow:

We have received a request for records associated with your NSF funded grant proposals entitled "Collaborative Research: ARI-MA: Tensioned Fluid Metastable State Special Nuclear Material Detector." Records are available to the public on request except for material that is personal, privileged or confidential, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under law. NSF will remove, before disclosure to the requester, personal information (SSN, date/place of birth, individual salaries, bios, pending and non-Federal grants) in the file about yourself or other individuals under Exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to protect personal privacy.

The FOIA generally prohibits us from withholding records except to the extent that disclosure of proprietary information (trade secrets or commercial or financial information) in your proposal, if any, that you assert is privileged or confidential. Therefore, I request that you carefully review your proposal and report, identifying by page number, line or paragraph, the parts you consider confidential. You will need to include a detailed statement explaining how disclosure of this information would harm your organization or benefit your competitors, or why it is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. Understand that information you submit in response to this request may itself be subject to disclosure.

Your response is not an agreement between us that the information you request us to withhold will not be disclosed. Under the law, we must decide what may be withheld and be prepared to defend that withholding in court. We will, however, notify you if we cannot agree.

If you have questions regarding this request, you may wish to contact your institutions intellectual property or grants office for guidance. If you have no objection to disclosure of the proposal -- many submitters have none -- simply let

me know that. The requester is **Eugenie Samuel Reich, Science Reporter for Nature.**

Please send your response to me, preferably by email at ljensen@nsf.gov, within five **(5) working days** after receipt of this letter. Your prompt response enables us to comply with the statutory time for response to requests.

Sincerely,

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