

# FOIA REQUEST

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FOIA REQUEST – DSCOVER Mission  
Fee benefit requested  
Fee waiver requested

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any records, reports, correspondence, emails, memos, minutes, or other documents whatsoever touching on, or relating to:

*The Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVER) mission, formerly known as Triana, from the period January 1, 2000 to the present.*

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

The information germane to this request relates to topics of current interest to the public, including: global climate change, the administration of the NASA budget and the future of the unmanned space program.

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. The scientific data that would be returned by the DSCOVER mission would be uniquely important for researchers studying global climate change.

The taxpaying public has a legitimate reason to know the rationale for the cancellation of the DSCOVR mission, given that the spacecraft has already been built at a cost of approximately \$100 million. In addition, climate change is also a subject of on-going public debate and important in terms of national and international public policy.

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.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please also provide expedited review of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. The public has an urgent need for information regarding the cancellation of the DSCOVR mission in January 2006 because the spacecraft may now be in danger of being destroyed. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mitchell Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitchell Anderson