



November 2, 2012

Dorothy Riehle  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
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Richland, WA 99352

Re: FOIA Request/Environmental logbooks

Dear Ms. Riehle:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C., Section 552) ("FOIA"), Hanford Challenge requests copies of the following records:

- any and all correspondence or memoranda regarding radioactive and chemical air emissions between Hanford entities including the Department of Energy and its contractors and subcontractors and the Washington State Department of Health and/or Washington State Department of Ecology and the US EPA from January 1, 2010 to the date of this request.

I specifically request that you undertake a search of all offices that may be in possession or control of these records at any location where responsive records might reasonably be found. The term "records" as used in this request is intended to cover documents and data whether maintained in paper, digital or electronic formats and stored on media such as hard drives, smart phones, tape drives or other such formats.

If any records covered by this request have been destroyed and/or removed, or are destroyed and/or removed after receipt of this request, please provide all surrounding records, including but not limited to a list of all records which have been destroyed and/or removed, a description of the actions taken, relevant dates, and individual, office and/or agency-wide policies and/or justifications for the action(s).

I hereby request that all fees, if any, be waived because finding this information is in the public interest, which could lead to a greater understanding of the operations of these facilities. Hanford Challenge is not requesting the information for any private or commercial purpose and is a non-profit, public interest organization designated as a tax exempt entity under IRS code 501(c)(3).

This fee waiver request is based upon 5 U.S.C. sec. 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II), which provides for fee waivers or reductions "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the

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government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” See, Center for Biological Diversity v. OMB, 546 F.Supp. 2d 722 (N.D. Cal. 2008).

Our interest in the disclosure of these records is for public education, advocacy for public interest goals, and a more responsive and accountable government that promotes environmental protection and protection of human health and safety. Our investigations are disseminated through our website as well as our newsletters, and often reported in the news media. In addition, we publish special reports and meet with public officials, workers, and the public at large to educate and promote solutions for issues affecting human and environmental health and safety around the Hanford Site. Hanford Challenge is a member or, and participant in the Hanford Advisory Board, which advises the US Department of Energy, the EPA and the State of Washington, on cleanup issues related to the Hanford Nuclear Site. Hanford Challenge is also a founding and participating member in the Hanford Concerns Council, which resolves significant employee concerns at the Hanford Site.

Hanford Challenge works with members of the Hanford Site work force on issues affecting worker and public health and safety, environmental concerns, and site management issues. We monitor internal systems in effect at Hanford for addressing worker issues, including employee concerns, compensation and medical care and treatment issues.

I look forward to a response to this request within twenty working days of the receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at [tomc@hanfordchallenge.org](mailto:tomc@hanfordchallenge.org) or at the address above if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Tom Carpenter, Executive Director  
Hanford Challenge