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FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Riehle,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), we are requesting copies of all public records (including email, electronic, and paper records) relating to:

- 1) The RCRA permit (both Parts A and B) for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West area of Hanford; including, but not limited to:
 - a. The permit issued pursuant to RCRA or Washington's HWMA (RCW Chapter 70.105) for these trenches;
- 2) Any correspondence between the USDOE and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the RCRA permit for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34;
- 3) Authorization from the Washington Department of Ecology for USDOE or any of its contractors to construct and operate mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34;
- 4) The authorization, construction, and legal analysis regarding the authorization pursuant to RCRA or HWMA for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West area of Hanford;
- 5) The approved closure plan, and any records and documents relating to the closure plan required pursuant to Washington Administrative Code Section 173-303-610 for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West area of Hanford; including, but not limited to:
 - a. Any correspondence between the USDOE and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the closure plan for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West area of Hanford;
- 6) All records and documents relating to the RCRA permit (both Parts A and B) for the Low Level Burial Grounds located in the 200 West and 200 East areas of Hanford;
- 7) All records and documents relating the RCRA interim status of the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West area of Hanford;
- 8) Any records and documents relating to the contingency plan required pursuant to Washington Administrative Code Sections 173-303-806, 340, 350, 355 or 360, federal hazardous waste law (RCRA), or the federal Superfund law (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, or any other legal requirement, for the mixed waste disposal trenches 31 and 34 located in the 200 West

area of Hanford, and for the Low-Level Burial Grounds located in the 200 East and 200 West Areas of Hanford; including, but not limited to

- a. The contingency plan proposed when the facility was planned;
 - b. The contingency plan effective when it was built and became operational;
 - c. Any contingency plan approved by the Washington Department of Ecology, and/or US EPA which is in effect today;
 - d. Any proposed contingency plans submitted to Ecology for revision of the Site-wide RCRA permit or for permitting of the Mixed Waste Trenches or the Low-Level Burial Grounds;
 - e. All correspondence from Washington Ecology or US EPA relating to deficiencies in any such application, seeking clarification of application elements, approving or rejecting any such applications;
- 9) All records and documents relating to the RCRA interim status of the Low Level Burial Grounds located in the 200 West and 200 East Areas of Hanford.

We request a waiver of fees because disclosure of this information is in the public interest. Disclosure will contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations of government activities, and our organization has no commercial interest. We urge you to act promptly on this request, because of the need for timely review of records to effectively participate in comment periods on impact statements and proposed permitting actions.

For any of the requested records which are commonly used, and easily copied, electronic formats (e.g. Word, emails, pdf), please provide the records to us in that electronic format to save times and reduce costs. If some records are available sooner than others, please forward those rather than waiting for a search for other records. If any records are withheld or redacted, please provide the specific exemption to the Public Records Act authorizing such withholding redaction.

Sincerely

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