



# Heart of America Northwest

## The Public's Voice for Hanford Cleanup

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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 public records (including email, electronic, and paper records) relating to:

- 1) The authorization, decision to use, and actual use of any and all pesticides and herbicides anywhere within the Hanford Reach and/or the 100 and 300 Areas of the Hanford Nuclear Site (river corridor) in the past 5 years and for the next 3 years.
- 2) The names, amounts, and methods of application of any pesticides and herbicides used anywhere within the Hanford Reach and/or the 100 and 300 Areas of the Hanford Nuclear Site (river corridor) in the past 5 years and for the next 3 years.
- 3) Any correspondence between the USDOE and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the authorization and use of such pesticides and herbicides.
- 4) Any correspondence between the USDOE and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the authorization and use of such pesticides and herbicides.
- 5) Any correspondence between the USDOE and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) concerning the authorization and use of such pesticides and herbicides.

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. Our organization strives to educate and inform the public about the impacts of Hanford Site management on the surrounding environment, including the Columbia River. 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 cite the specific statutory provision that exempts the information from release and provide Heart of America Northwest with all non-exempt portions of the request that can reasonably be segregated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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