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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Tom Carpenter
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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2013-00962)

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you sent to this office requesting agency records relating to or generated in connection with classifying Hanford tank waste as transuranic, or TRU, waste that could be sent to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico including:

1. "Any and all records on the above subject reflecting correspondence (including letters and emails) between the Department of Energy Hanford offices, and
 - its contractors,
 - the State of Washington, including any agency thereof and/or the Office of the Governor,
 - the State of New Mexico, including any agency thereof, and/or the Office of the Governor,
 - any committee, subcommittee, or member of Congress,
 - any other DOE office external to Hanford, including but not limited to Headquarters' offices, including the Office of the Secretary of Energy, EM, HSS, General Counsel, or other DOE office, and/or
 - any other external entity if the correspondence and/or email relates to or is generated in connection with the TRU waste issue."

2. any and all records on the above subject reflecting correspondence (including letters and emails) between the Department of Energy contractors, and
 - the Department of Energy,
 - the State of Washington, including any agency thereof and/or the Office of the Governor,
 - the State of New Mexico, including any agency thereof, and/or the Office of the Governor,
 - any committee, subcommittee, or member of Congress,
 - any other DOE office external to Hanford, including but not limited to Headquarters' offices, including the Office of the Secretary of Energy, EM, HSS, General Counsel, or other DOE office, and/or

- any other external entity if the correspondence and/or email relates to or is generated in connection with the TRU waste issue.”
3. any and all records reflecting an analysis of Hanford HLW tanks identified as potential TRU waste tanks.”

In an e-mail messaged dated May 6, 2013, you limited the date range from January 1, 2003, to the date of your request. Enclosed are the following documents responsive to Items 2 and 3 of your request:

- “Origin of TRU Waste in Hanford Single-Shell Tanks” dated March 2, 2004.
- “Spent Fuel Reprocessing and TRU Waste Generation.”
- “Origin of TRU Waste in Hanford Single-Shell Tanks” dated November 5, 2003.
- E-mail dated April 13, 2001, entitled, “TRU Story” with attachment.
- E-mail dated March 13, 2009, with attachment entitled, “Hanford Tank Transuranic Waste Project Proposed FY 09 Scope.”
- E-mail dated March 4, 2009, with attachment.
- “Hanford Site River Protection Project Transuranic Tank Waste Identification and Planning for Retrieval, Treatment, and Eventual Disposal at WIPP.”
- E-mail dated October 7, 2009, with attachment entitled, “Hanford Tank Transuranic Waste Project Updated” dated October 8, 2009.
- E-mail dated October 7, 2009, entitled, “Final Presentation to Dave French on TRU Project” with attachment.
- “Contact Handled Transuranic/Mixed (CH-TRUM) Tank Waste Processing Program Update.”
- E-mail dated May 22, 2009, entitled, “CH-TRU Pedigree Documents Set 2” with attachments.

We continue to review documents responsive to your request and will notify you when our review is complete.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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Enclosures