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CERTIFIED MAIL

August 11, 2014

Mr. Mike Nartker  
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Dear Mr. Nartker:

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2014-01177)**

This is our final response to the request for information that you sent to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office. In your letter you requested copies of any and all letters or communications from the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) to CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company (CHPRC) concerning fee performance, fee-related issues, fee reductions and/or performance-related issues or concerns from October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013.

In an e-mail dated July 8, 2014, you modified your request to only include letters. We have conducted a thorough search of the Integrated Data Management System, the electronic database that DOE uses to store correspondence, for records generated by RL's Procurement Division, the Assistant Manager for Safety and Environment, and the Assistant Manager for River and Plateau. The search has been completed and the documents located are enclosed. On page 228 we deleted the names of three individuals pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

Exemption 6 provides that an agency may protect from disclosure all personal information if its disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy by subjecting the individuals to unwanted communications, harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or other substantial privacy invasions by interested parties.

In invoking Exemption 6 we considered 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded by disclosure of information, 2) whether release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the government, and 3) whether in balancing the private interest against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. We have determined that the public interest in the identity of the individuals whose names appear in the documents does not outweigh the individuals' privacy interests.

In addition, the attachment to DOE letter 13-OOD-0037 (page 304) was generated by DOE Headquarters (HQ), therefore, the document is not included. However, a copy of your request and the document has been forwarded to Mr. Alexander Morris, the FOIA Officer at that location, to review the document and respond directly to you. If you have any questions regarding the review, please contact Mr. Morris at HQ at 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20585. He also can be contacted on (202) 586-5955.

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All releasable information in the documents has been segregated and is being provided to you. The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for any information denied to you in this letter. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

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  
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Enclosures