



Department of Energy
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Certified Mail

October 19, 2016

Mr. John Greenewald
The Black Vault



Dear Mr. Greenewald:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2016-01555)

This letter is in response to the electronic *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request you submitted to this office seeking “records, electronic or otherwise, pertaining to the measurement of the depletion of radioactive isotopes at the 216-U-10 pond, or the U-Pond, and the disposition of that pond and the reason for the disposition.” On October 5, 2016, this office sent you an electronic mail message to discuss the broad scope of your request and determine if the request could be narrowed as responsive documents span over approximately 60 years. This office also left you voice mail messages on October 7 and October 12, 2016. As of today we have not received a response.

To assist you with your search for records, many of the documents responsive to your request are publicly available on the Internet at: <http://pdw.hanford.gov/arpir> This office conducted a data query using the terms: u-pond, u pond, 216-U-pond, 216 pond and 216 U pond on this website and found approximately 1,070 documents using the “advanced search” option and approximately 20,138 documents using the “simple search” option.

If we do not hear from you within 10 days, no further agency action will be taken regarding your request. If you have any questions, please contact me at our address or by calling (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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