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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Tom Carpenter
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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2013-00964)

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you sent to this office requesting records relating in connection with the AY-102 double-shell tank failure. Each item of your request is re-stated below:

1. "Any and all records reflecting correspondence (including letters and emails) between the Department of Energy offices at Hanford (DOE ORP or RL) related to the AY-102 tank and the State of Washington, 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 any other external entity if the correspondence and/or email relates to or is generated in connection with the AY-102 waste issue."
2. "Any and all records reflecting notifications, alerts, or reports regarding the discovery of the possibility of a leak within AY-102, including but not limited to any notifications made to and/or between the Washington State Departments of Ecology and/or Health, the Washington State Governor's Office, the Secretary of Energy and/or any other agency or entity to which notifications were provided."

3. "Any and all videos of the AY-102 tank annulus dated from September 2011 to the date of this request."
4. "Any and all historical records relating to the history and contents of Tank AY102, not available to the public on the internet or in the public reading room."

Additionally you stated "this request is not intended to cover any documents that are available to the public in the public reading room or on the internet."

In response to item 3, in an e-mail dated May 15, 2013, I notified you that approximately 73 videos were deemed responsive to your request. You responded on May 17, 2013, and narrowed the scope of this item to the five best videos that show the change in the annulus as deemed by a qualified contractor or DOE person. Copies of the videos are enclosed.

We continue to review documents responsive to items 1, 2 and 3 of 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
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Enclosures