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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 in 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.”

This is a partial response and enclosed are documents responsive to item 2 (see Enclosure I) and Item 3 (see Enclosure 2).

We continue to search for the remaining documents responsive to your request. Upon completion of the search and the review of any documents located, you will be provided a response.

A copy of your request was provided to the DOE Headquarters (HQ) FOIA Officer on May 3, 2013, to conduct a search for documents responsive to items 1 and 2 in its possession. If you have any questions regarding the processing of your request at HQ, you may contact Alexander Morris, HQ FOIA Officer, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Office of Information Resources, Room 1G-051, Washington, DC, 20595, (202) 586-5955.

Lastly, you requested a waiver of fees be provided to you. I have reviewed your request and have determined a waiver of fees is appropriate.

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
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and External Affairs

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Enclosures