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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of Contracts, billing, estimates, photographs, design information, blueprints, plans, papers and studies, audio and film recordings, including copies of communications between General Electric, the Atomic Energy Commission, Burns & Roe Inc., Combustion Engineering Inc., and any other contractors involved in evaluating, repairing, replacing and designing of heat exchanger 4A and any other of the heat exchangers used as part of the power generating system used by the New Process Reactor (commonly known as the N-Reactor) at the Hanford Site in the years 1963 and 1964.

Documentation, photographs, reports, papers, studies, letters, audio and film recordings of any radiation releases or other incidents related to the failure or leakage of heat exchanger 4A or any of the heat exchangers used as part of the power generating system used by the New Process Reactor (commonly known as the N-Reactor) at the Hanford Site in the years 1963 and 1964.

Contracts, billing, estimates, reports, minutes, notes, photographs and any letters, audio and film recordings and other communications concerning meetings at Hanford Site concerning any problems with heat exchanger 4A or any of the heat exchangers used as part of the power generating system used by the New Process Reactor (commonly known as the N-Reactor) at the Hanford Site in the years 1963 and 1964 ex-changer.

In particular any minutes, reports, notes, letters and other communications, photographs, and audio and film recordings of meeting held on or around July 18, 1963 and on or around June 10, 1963 with representatives of Burns & Roe, Combustion Engineering, and Kaiser Engineer as reported in the Irradiation Processing Department Monthly Report for June and July 1963.

Contracts, billing, estimates, photographs, reports, studies, papers and any other communications concerning the use of dichlorobenzenes: 1,2-Dichlorobenzene or ortho-dichlorobenzene; in the the New Process Reactor commonly known as the N-Reactor at Hanford Site, Washington including Plutonium product production and power-generation.

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Contracts, billing, estimates, blueprints, drawings, photographs, reports, studies, papers and any other communications concerning corrosion of stainless steel components of heat exchangers particularly piping, headers, tube sheets, welds and other locations within the New Process Reactor commonly known as the N-Reactor at Hanford Site, Washington.

Contracts, billing, estimates, reports, studies, photographs, papers and any other communications concerning the use of Inconel in heat exchangers within the New Process Reactor commonly known as the N-Reactor at Hanford Site, Washington.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format. (CD-ROM.)

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on problems regarding the heat exchangers at the New Process Reactor commonly known as the N-Reactor that may have led to leaks of radioactive particles. I want to discover how the leaks were discovered, how the problem was confronted and solved, any damage that may have been caused, possible radiation leaks and the costs that may have been incurred, that is of current interest to the public because I want to pin-point the dates, types and amounts of radiation released to update models of estimated radiation doses of Hanford's neighbors. To determine the costs to taxpayers of the damage and for historical purposes to further complete the story of Hanford for the historical record. This information is being sought on behalf of *The Polk Awards at Long Island University and The Progressive Magazine, Madison, Wisconsin* for dissemination to the general public. I'm national correspondent for the Pacifica Foundation, a national radio network; feature writer for Penthouse Magazine; correspondent for The Villager and In These Times and host of the TV program Let Them Talk on Manhattan Neighborhood Network.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I have a letter of interest for publication of an article based on this information from The Progressive, an established century old monthly news magazine based in Madison, Wisconsin. I also have a contract with The Polk Awards of Long Island University which is paying me through a grant to complete an investigation of the N-Reactor at Hanford, WA. My work has been published widely by numerous broadcasting outlets, magazines and newspapers including Pacifica Radio, Press TV, Manhattan Neighborhood Network, Newsday, Penthouse, The Villager, The Village Voice, In These Times, Z Magazine and others.

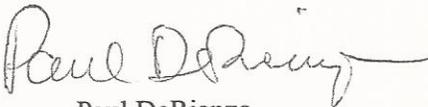
If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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