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Certified Mail March 4, 2014

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Dear Mr. Burns:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2014-00627)

This letter is in response to the electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking all documents pertaining to the use or purchase of NARCO, also known as North American Refractories Company, at the Hanford Nuclear Plant in Richland, Washington, during the 1955-1980 period.

In a telephone conversation with me on February 20, 2014, you modified your request to a database printout of any documents with the keywords of NARCO and/or North American Refractories Company during the time period of January 1, 1955, through December 31, 1980. We ran queries using the key words "NARCO" and "North American Refractories Company" for the multiple electronic databases belonging to the Records Holding Area, the facility that maintains archived Hanford Site records, and found no documents. This search was conducted by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request, in locations where documents would most likely be found.

The cost associated with your request is as follows:

Search time – 3 hours @ $47.16/hour $ 141.48

Your check should be made payable to the U.S. Department of Energy and forwarded to my address at the above address.

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 the adequacy of our search. 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.

Should you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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