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--Reasonably Describe Records--
Description: This request seeks all records disclosed already or in the future responsive to existing FOIA request HQ-2017-00450-F
Specify preferred form or format: PDF

--Type of requestor--
Select a description of yourself and the purpose of the request to help determine your category for assessing fees: A representative of the news media and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.
Affiliation: Center for Public Integrity
Type of media: Other
Other media type: Nonpartisan, nonprofit newsroom; publishes with large media partners; credentialed by U.S. Senate; winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

--Fees and waivers--
Please select the statement that applies: I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

--Waiver factors--
The subject of the request: The subject of the requested public records concerns the operations or activities of the government,

namely the subject matter of existing FOIA request
HQ-2017-00450-F.

The informative value of the information to be disclosed:
Disclosure of the requested public records is likely to
contribute to an understanding of government operations and
activities, namely the subject matter of existing FOIA

request

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Contribution to an understanding by the general public:
Disclosure of the requested public records is likely to
contribute to a better understanding by the general public of
government operations and activities, namely the subject

matter

of existing FOIA request HQ-2017-00450-F. because the Center
for

Public Integrity intends to disseminate the content of the
requested public records by publishing it on our website
www.publicintegrity.org and on the assorted distribution
platforms of its media partners, which include but are not
limited to The Washington Post, Politico, USA Today, Time,

NBC

News and Foreign Policy.

The significance of the contribution to public understanding:
Disclosure of the requested public records is likely to
contribute significantly to the public understanding of
government operations and activities, namely the subject

matter

of existing FOIA request HQ-2017-00450-F.

The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: The
requester has no commercial interest that would be furthered
by

disclosing the requested public records.

The primary interest in disclosure: The requester is
full-time

professional journalist employed by the nonprofit Center for
Public Integrity whose primary function is gathering news, so
the

requester's sole interest in disclosure is to better inform
the

general public on the operations and activities of
government.

--Expedited processing--

Justification: an urgency to inform the public concerning actual
or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option
available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating
information).

Please provide your specific justification for expedited
processing:

This request constitutes breaking news and should be regarded with urgency to inform the public. It seeks public records that involve past assessments of the structural integrity of the PUREX tunnels at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, one of which collapsed this week generating 134,000 news articles within three days, based on the following internet search:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=hanford+tunnel&oq=hanford+tunnel&aqs=chrome..69i57j0l2j69i60l2j0.2663j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#q=hanford+tunnel&tbm=nws>

This level of news attention indicates the subject matter is of high public interest. Furthermore, the state of Washington has ordered the Department of Energy to formulate a permanent remediation plan for the affected tunnel, indicating forthcoming executive-level department action pertinent to the subject matter of the requested records. Additionally, this FOIA request seeks records previously requested, and as such seeks existing records. For all these reasons, requester respectfully seeks expedited processing.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://energy.gov/>