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Richland Operations Office
United States Department of Energy
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Re: Port of Benton
Hanford Railroad, Southern Connection
Freedom of Information Request

In 1998, the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") conveyed the Southern Connection of the Hanford Railroad to the Port of Benton ("POB"). A copy of the Quit Claim Deed conveying the Railroad and additional property is enclosed for your reference.

On behalf of the POB, we are requesting the following information and records:

1. Inspection reports or records showing all inspections made by or for the DOE of the Southern Connection for the period from January 1, 1993 to October 1, 1998.
2. Maintenance reports or records showing the maintenance, repair and replacement of the tracks for the Southern Connection for the period from January, 1993 to October, 1998, inclusive.
3. Reports or records addressing or disclosing the replacements or improvements to the Southern Connection for the period from January, 1993 to October, 1998, inclusive.

For the purposes of this request, the "Southern Connection" refers to the portion of the Hanford Railroad conveyed to the POB by DOE and generally running from the Richland Junction in Kennewick, Washington to the Railroad Yard in Richland, Washington.

The requested maintenance, inspection and improvement records should include those done by DOE employees as well as outside contractors.

Very truly yours,



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