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==Reasonably Describe Records==

Description:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), Heart of America Northwest is requesting copies of all public records and documents (including email, electronic, and paper records) relating to:

- 1) Any notice to the public given by the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) related to the September 11th, 2008 Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) determination for soils at the Hanford site.
- 2) Any formal comments issued by the USDOE related to the September 11th, 2008 WIR determination at the Hanford site.
- 3) Any notice given by the USDOE to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding the September 11th, 2008 WIR determination at Hanford.
- 4) Any comments or correspondence, including but not limited to formal comments, emails or meeting minutes, between the USDOE and the Washington Department of Ecology concerning the September 11th, 2008 WIR determination at Hanford.

Specify preferred form or format: Electronic, 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: Heart of America Northwest

Type of media: Other

Other media type: Non-profit public interest group.

==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 requested records are related to

the September 11th, 2008 WIR determination, which will demonstrate the process the government uses to make the determination, and how different government agencies work with

one another on such determinations.

The informative value of the information to be disclosed:

These

documents will demonstrate to the public how the USDOE makes WIR

determinations about soils, and the process of implementing the said WIR.

Contribution to an understanding by the general public: We will

disclose this information via our website or news release to the

general public, so that the people may have the chance to comment

on this particular WIR procedure.

The significance of the contribution to public understanding:

Disclosure will contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations of government activities involving the USDOE and Washington State Ecology Department, particularly how the government makes WIR determinations.

The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: We are

a

non-profit organization and have no commercial interest that would be furthered by disclosure of these documents.

The primary interest in disclosure: N/A

==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: The requested records are vital for informing the public and enabling our organization and the public to comment on the USDOE's current proposed WIR determination for Hanford C Tank Farm waste residues. The comment period ends September 7, 2018. Therefore, please expedite responding and providing requested records.

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