



Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Mike McCormick



Dear Mr. McCormick:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2019-00276)

This letter is in response to the electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted on December 12, 2018, to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters FOIA Office. Your request has been forwarded to this office for a response and was received on December 19, 2018. In your request letter, you asked for all videos and photos taken of the interior and exterior of the Plutonium Uranium Extraction Plant (PUREX) Tunnel 2 in 2017 and 2018.

Additionally, you stated you had made a previous FOIA request for this information but only received two videos. In the previous request you submitted to the DOE, dated September 10, 2018 (assigned FOI 2018-01603), you specifically requested "videos created in 2017 and 2018 of PUREX Tunnel #2 at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation as discussed at the public hearing regarding permit modification held in Seattle 09/05/18." Your previous request did not ask for all videos but only those discussed at the public hearing. In addition, your previous request did not ask for photos. Therefore, a search was conducted only for the documents you requested in your FOIA request dated September 10, 2018. This search resulted in the two videos provided to you by this office on October 16, 2018.

In a series of emails dated January 8 through January 16, 2018, you narrowed your request to copies of the videos and/or photographs that were used to make composite drawings. You stated that at the public presentations last Fall, artist depictions of the tunnel that were created from videos created the previous year were shown.

Your request was assigned to the CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CHPRC) to conduct a search of its files for responsive information. CHPRC has completed its search and located 26 videos responsive to your request. According to CHPRC, photographs were not used to make the drawings. Therefore, no photographs are enclosed.

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 this search. Should you choose to exercise this right, your appeal must be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by email to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). Alternatively, any such appeal may 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. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide my office with a copy of your appeal. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at our address or at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original signed by-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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Enclosure