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P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Aaron Gregg
The Washington Post
1301 K Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20071-7403

Dear Mr. Gregg:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2019-00945)

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requesting all written communications sent between Mr. Jorge Francisco Armijo and any DOE employee between January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2015.

In a telephone conversation with me on June 27, 2019, you narrowed the scope of your request to emails sent (or cc'd) to Mr. Armijo between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2015, from the below listed DOE individuals that mention subcontract no. 39568:

Mr. Matthew McCormick
Mr. Thomas Fletcher
Mr. Robert Carosino
Ms. Sally Sieracki
Mr. Timothy Corbett
Ms. Suzanne Hunt
Mr. Doug Shoop

We conducted a thorough search of the inactive and/or active mailboxes belonging to the above individuals, using the keyword "39568," dated between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2015, and no documents were located.

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. 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 (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 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 your request, please contact me at our address above or at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original signed by –

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Hanford Site Office of Communications

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