



Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550
Richland, Washington 99352

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Mr. Scott Daniels
KNDU Local News
3312 West Kennewick Avenue
Kennewick, Washington 99336

Dear Mr. Daniels:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2020-00143)

You requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), “any and all information of serious injury or death occurring on the Hanford Site over the last 10 years. Please include if any litigation took place afterwards.”

In a telephone conversation with me on Oct. 31, 2019, you modified your request and stated you were seeking 1) the number of deaths and 2) the company the deceased worker was employed with at the Hanford Site for the period of Oct. 31, 2009, through Oct. 31, 2019. This would exclude any nonwork-related deaths (for example, off-hour vehicle accidents; an employee dies at work from natural causes, etc).

Your request was assigned to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) Environmental, Safety and Quality Division to conduct a search of its files. This office has completed its search of records and found no record of any reported deaths during the requested period.

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 this determination. 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 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 your request, please contact me at our address provided on page 1 or at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Hanford Office of Communications

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