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==Reasonably Describe Records==

Description: Transcripts of all interviews conducted with project personnel by the contractor resumption team reviewing radiological contaminations of personnel at Building 324 at Hanford that was discovered in November 2019.

Specify preferred form or format: 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: The Seattle Times
Type of media: Newspaper

==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 subject of my request, namely interviews with personnel regarding radiological controls at Hanford where federally funded cleanup is ongoing, seeks public information about the operations and activities of government.

The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Disclosure of the public records I requested, namely interviews

with personnel regarding radiological controls at Hanford where federally funded cleanup is ongoing, is likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities.

Contribution to an understanding by the general public: The public records I have requested namely interviews with personnel

regarding radiological controls at Hanford where federally funded cleanup is ongoing, would be disseminated in the print edition of

The Seattle Times and on its website. Dissemination of the public records I've requested will lead to further understanding of this particular government activity by the general public.

The significance of the contribution to public understanding: The disclosure of the public records I have requested are likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government

operations or activities namely interviews with personnel regarding radiological controls at Hanford where federally funded cleanup is ongoing.

The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Requester

has no commercial interests that would be advanced through disclosure of the public records requested.

The primary interest in disclosure: Requester is employed full-time as a journalist and requester's primary - and in fact

sole - interest in the requested public records is newsgathering with the purpose of furthering public understanding of government activities namely interviews with personnel regarding radiological

controls at Hanford where federally funded cleanup is ongoing.

==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 best of my knowledge and understanding, public health risks at Hanford affects people who live in the Seattle community and read The Seattle Times. It is a matter of high interest to them, their families and all who care for them in the community. Therefore, the high public interest in the most recent personnel exposures at Hanford justify expedited processing.