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FOIA Officer
United States Department of Energy
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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST; TRONOX'S CHICAGO THORIUM SITE RECLAMATION PLAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

To Whom It May Concern:

In 1992 Congress passed Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 ("Title X") which established the authority and framework for providing Federal assistance for the remediation of contamination at active uranium and thorium sites. Tronox Inc., its subsidiaries and/or predecessors ("Tronox"),[1] the sole thorium licensee, maintained a West Chicago, Illinois processing facility[2] that produced a variety of chemical compounds containing thorium and rare earth elements.

In order to be eligible for Title X funds, and pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 765, Tronox submitted one or more reclamation plans to the Department of Energy ("DOE").

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended ("FOIA"), I hereby request that you produce copies of the following:

1. All DOE documents relating to the eligibility of Tronox for Title X funds. This includes documents that discuss whether or not the Chicago Thorium site was eligible for reimbursement and in what amount.

2. All site reclamation plans submitted by Tronox to DOE with respect to the Chicago Thorium site.

[1] Tronox formerly was affiliated with Kerr-McGee. For purposes of these requests, any references to "Tronox" shall include and invoke "Kerr-McGee".

[2] In addition to the West Chicago processing facility, Tronox is also responsible for the remediation of four related West Chicago Superfund sites (along with the processing facility, collectively known as the "Chicago Thorium site").

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3. All documents related to DOE's reimbursement of the costs incurred by Tronox for remediation performed at the Chicago Thorium site.

Bingham McCutchen LLP is willing to pay all applicable statutory fees with respect to the FOIA request set forth herein.

I expect your response no later than April 21, 2009. Please contact me at 202-373-6659 if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Pluta