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Record Description:

Correspondence between the Department of Energy and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour
Specifically, I request the following items:

1) Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour regarding expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and any subsequent response to the letter sent by the DOE to Governor Barbour. The correspondence date of the letter is July 7, 2006 and control number EXEC-2006-006606

2) Memorandum to Deputy Secretary Clay Sell from Governor Haley Barbour regarding expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and any subsequent response to the memo sent by the DOE to Governor Barbour. The correspondence date of this memo is October 5, 2006 and control number EXEC-2006-013585

3) Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour regarding the expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and any subsequent DOE response to Governor Barbour. The correspondence date of this letter is October 5, 2006 and control number EXEC-2006-013587

Preferred Form or Format: electronic pdf files or paper copies

Type of Requester (if provided):

Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

This request directly relates to the operations of the government, as it involves selection of the expansion site of the strategic petroleum reserve

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

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This request would contribute to the public's understanding of DOE operations. Specifically, it will contribute to knowledge of the process and information DOE used to select the expansion site of the strategic petroleum reserve.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

The Gulf Restoration Network will make every effort to disseminate this information to the wider public. We will share this information with anyone who requests a copy. We will post this information to our website. In addition, we have shared similar requests in the past with other nonprofit organizations, the scientific community, and the media.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

This request will significantly contribute to the public's understanding because it will help to disclose factors that the Department of Energy considered in its selection of an expansion site for the strategic petroleum reserve.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

The Gulf Restoration is a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity. We have no commercial interest in this request.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

This request is in the public interest. We have no commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: