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Dear Ms. O'Brien:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2011-01376)

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 21, 2011, was received in this office on June 27, 2011. In that letter you requested the following records:

1. "Drums and/or containers of waste that leaked, spilled, released, or contaminated workers at the Waste Repackaging and Processing facility (WRAP) since January 1, 2011, including, but not limited to, any "occurrence reports", laboratory or other tests to identify the contents of waste released or leaked, doses received or exposures to contaminants or hazardous substances."
2. "Notification of releases, leaks, spills or contamination to the Washington State Department of Ecology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Coast Guard or any other regulator;"
3. "Any correspondence (including, but not limited to, letter(s), emails, phone call or meeting notes) to and/or from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and/or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that report on building, unit or facility inspection(s) conducted pursuant to federal and state hazardous waste laws (RCRA and HWMA) for all buildings, units, storage areas where these wastes were at the time of the leak, spill, release and areas where they were previously stored."
4. "Identifying where, length of time, and how the waste was stored prior to storage or processing at the WRAP facility, including any inspection reports and occurrence reports for the area, building or unit where the waste was stored."
5. "All documents and records relating to a formal designation under Federal and State Hazardous Laws of wastes in the drums (or similar containers) that leaked, spilled or released."
6. "All occurrence reports, analysis of causes, and plans for response pertaining to the leak(s), spills or releases of waste at the WRAP facility; and, at the facility(ies) or buildings where the wastes were stored prior to being moved to WRAP."

7. "Permit conditions in effect for managing drums and containers of waste, for analyzing wastes, and for responding to leaks for the facility(ies) where the leak(s) occurred, and the facility(ies) where the waste was held prior to WRAP or such other facility or building(s) where releases, spills or leaks occurred. Please include all correspondence between USDOE and/or USDOE's contractors with the Washington Department Of Ecology and/or US EPA regarding compliance with permit conditions or drafting or new conditions based on inspections prompted by, or analyses of the causes of recent leaks, spills, releases."

8."All correspondence between the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), Ecology, EPA, and/or any of their contractors or agents, that concern to the storage of the waste by WRAP and or the facility(s) that stored the waste prior to WRAP, compliance with container management requirements under any permit or federal or state hazardous waste laws."

9. "All correspondence between USDOE, Ecology, and EPA, and or any of their contractors or agents concerning the leak(s), spills, releases or contamination incidents which occurred at the WRAP facility since January 1, 2011."

10. "Identifying the quantities and types of wastes stored and awaiting treatment or disposal at the Central Waste Complex (including identification-of any non-solid or liquid wastes), schedules for removal for treatment, and conditions or compliance schedules for meeting requirements of federal and state hazardous waste laws which limit the time period for storing wastes without treatment. This includes, but is not limited to, identification of the quantities of wastes stored in each building, area or unit; length of time stored; designations of wastes stored; permit or other conditions governing management of the wastes to ensure incompatible wastes are not stored; and, provisions for secondary containment."

This is an interim response and following documents are enclosed as Attachment I and are responsive to item 1 of your request:

- CHPRC Condition Report Form – CR Number CR-2011-2037, dated June 23, 2011
- Waste Sampling and Characterization Facility (WSCF) Analytical Laboratory Report Group Survey Identification Number 11-22990 – dated May 4, 2011
- WSCF Analytical Laboratory Report Group Survey Identification Number 11-22991 dated May 12, 2011
- WRAP Complex Beryllium Sampling 2011: May-June
- WSCF Analytical Laboratory Report Group Survey Identification Number 11-23277 – Report Date May 23, 2011, Group # 20110965

- WSCF Analytical Laboratory Report Group Survey Identification Number 11-23271 – Report date May 23, 2011, Group # 20110964
- WSCF Analytical Laboratory Report Group Survey Identification Number 11-23283 – Report date May 23, 2011, Group # 20110966
- ALS Laboratory Group Analytical Request Form and Reports – Beryllium, dated May 11, 2011
- Client Sample ID 11-23079-001 – LABQC

The following documents are enclosed as Attachment II and are responsive to item 8 of your request:

- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number 37167 “Recovery plan – Recent leaky waste drum event,” dated 04/28/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 37266 “Post Job Review/lessons learned meeting for repackaging of leaky waste drum HEDL-63,” dated 05/04/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 37315 “Finding – ineffective corrective actions for WRAP waste acid breach event from last August timeframe – similar to last week’s leaking drum event,” dated 05/06/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 37316 “Recovery work – leaky drum in WRAP 2404-WB warehouse,; dated 05/06/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 37569 “Recovery Plan, AJHA & RWP – WRAP leaky waste drum,” dated 05/20/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 37702 “Extent of condition evaluation/actions – WRAP leaky waste drum,” dated 06/01/2011
- DOE OA TRU Retrieval Project (WRAP, T Plant, LPCS, & TRU) – Report Number # 38141 “Oversight of recovery operations and radiological work practices – WRAP leaky waste drum,” dated 06/28/2011

We continue to search for documents responsive to your request and will notify you when our search and review is complete.

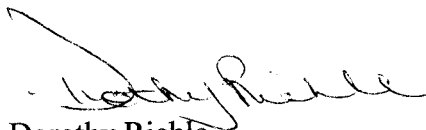
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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Riehle", written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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Attachments