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CERTIFIED MAIL

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Dear Mr. Carpenter:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2011-01870)

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 7, 2011, was received in this office on September 13, 2011. In that letter you requested any and all records related to or generated in connection with a letter dated July 7, 2011, transmitting a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) surveillance report sent to Mr. J.G. Lehew subject "Contract No. DE-AC06-08RL14788 – Transmittal of Surveillance Report Planning and Execution of Radiological Work (S-11-SED-CHPRC-PFP-002)." Specifically you requested:

1. "Any and all correspondence related to or generated in connection with this letter and/or Surveillance Report, regardless of author."
2. "Any and all memoranda related to or generated in connection with this letter and/or Surveillance Report."
3. "Any and all emails related to or generated in connection with this letter and/or Surveillance Report."
4. "Any and all drafts of the Surveillance Report referenced above."
5. "Any and all notes related to or generated in connection with this letter and/or Surveillance Report."

This is a partial response. In response to item 1, enclosed as Attachment I is a letter entitled, "Contract Number DE-AC06-08RL14788-Transmittal of Surveillance Report Planning and Execution of Radiological Work (S-11-SED-CHPRC-PFP-002)," CHPRC-1103433A R1, dated August 16, 2011.

In response to item 2, the following documents are enclosed as Attachment II:

Root Cause Evaluation Report for CR-2011-1707, "Potential Trend Related to Failure to Follow Procedure/Work Instructions, dated August 4, 2011;

CHPRC Condition Report Form, CR 2011-2196, "The Radiological Work Planning Process at PFP," identified 7/12/2011

Cause Evaluation Report for CR-2011-2196, "The Radiological Work Planning Process at PFP," dated August 25, 2011.

CHPRC Condition Report Form, CR-2011-2368, "PFP Technical Basis for Use of Plutonium Values," identified July 7, 2011.

As you may know, the FOIA provides that an agency respond to requests within twenty working days. However, the FOIA permits an agency to extend the time limit to respond to a request in certain circumstances. These circumstances include the need to collect records from other locations, review large number of records, and consult with other offices. Since your request will result in a search and review of voluminous documents, we will require an extension as it is unlikely we will be able to complete your request within twenty working days or within the routine ten day extension. At this time we estimate your response being complete within 4 to 6 weeks. We will provide interim responses to you as documents become available as we understand your need to have the documents as soon as possible. If you would like to narrow the scope of your request in hopes that we can respond more timely, please contact me at the above address.

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

Sincerely,



Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
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and External Affairs

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Attachments