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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Thomas Carpenter  
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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 and enclosed are interview questions and responses. These documents are responsive to items 1, 2 and 5 of your request. With the documents, this office has made certain deletions pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA. Exemption 6 provides that an agency may protect from disclosure all personal information if its disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy by subjecting the individuals to unwanted communications, harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or other substantial privacy invasions by interested parties.

In invoking Exemption 6 we considered 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded by disclosure of information, 2) whether release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the government, and 3) whether in balancing the private interest against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. We have determined that the public interest in the identity of the individuals whose names appear in the documents does not outweigh the individuals' privacy interests.

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All releasable information in the documents has been segregated and is being provided to you. The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for any information denied to you in this letter. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

We continue to search and review documents for the remaining items of your request. We will notify you when this process is complete. 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  
Office of Communications  
and External Affairs

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Enclosures