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Dear Ms. Riehle:

This is a Freedom of Information Act (USC, section 552) request for updated information on the litigation costs to date in In re Hanford and In re Berg, also known as the "Hanford downwinders' case" and numbered in the Eastern District of Washington as CY-91-3015.

I am a freelance journalist (former staff reporter, the Spokesman-Review, in Spokane) doing research on the Hanford litigation. The last documents I have on the subject of litigation costs are from the DOE's "Legal Management Tracking System" for Fiscal Year 2008. The documents describe the total money spent in that year for the "DuPont-Hanford Non-Class Action," broken down by law firm, plus the cumulative legal costs (including the litigation database) since the case was filed.

Please provide me the most current litigation expense information in a similar format, including a breakout of all the law firms and the database costs, in the timely manner required under the FOIA. If you have any questions about this request, I can be reached in _____ or by e-mail at _____

Sincerely,

Karen Dorn Steele

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