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CERTIFIED MAIL   April 7, 2010

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Dear Mr. Crawford:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2010-01195)

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 29, 2010, addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters FOIA Office has been forwarded to this office for response and was received on March 30, 2010. In that letter you requested records setting forth the amount of attorneys' fees and costs billed to, or submitted to, DOE in the lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Washington under the caption Duane Hall v. Fluor Hanford, Inc., No. 2:08-cv-5029-EFS from November 10, 2009, until present.

We have conducted a thorough search and no documents were located as there have been no new invoices or requests for approvals as of April 7, 2010. This search was conducted by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request, in locations where responsive documents would most likely be found. Specifically, we searched the files of the Office of Chief Counsel.

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 the adequacy of our search. 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.

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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