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May 11, 2010

Certified Mail

Ms. Linda Lammendola
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Dear Ms. Lammendola:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2010-01394)

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 21, 2010, addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters FOIA Office has been forwarded to this office for response and was received on May 10, 2010. In that letter you requested "any and all documents pertaining to the mining contracts initiated with the Atomic Energy Commissions (abolished in 1974) during the years 1954 through 1981 and all investigations relating to the sites: 1) Midnite Mine Superfund Site Spokane Indian Reservation, Wellpinit, Washington, 2) Dawn Mill Site at Ford, Washington."

We conducted a thorough search of the Hanford Site document databases (where historical documents are indexed) using the keywords Midnite Mine, Midnite Mine Superfund Site Spokane Indian Reservation, Dawn Mill Site, and Dawn Mill Site Ford Washington and documents located were previously provided to Ms. Susan Thauer of your office on March 16, 2010, in response to her request assigned tracking number: FOI 2010-01046. No other documents were located. This search was conducted by those within the agency who are most familiar with the subject matter of your request, in locations where documents would most likely be found.

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.

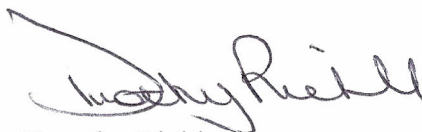
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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Riehle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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