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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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Dear Sir or Madame,

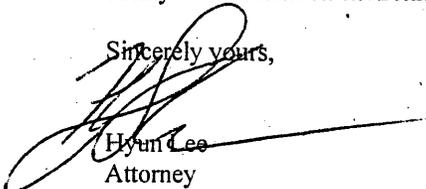
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552, as amended, Heart of America Northwest hereby requests copies of any and all agency and contractor records or information including but not limited to notes, letters, memoranda, logs, tapes, transcripts, summaries, interview reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, reports regarding external oral correspondence, agency analyses, files, charts, handwritten notes, studies, data sheets, notebooks, telephone messages, any other data compilations, interim and/or final reports, status reports and any and all other records relating to the following :

- 1) proposed shipment of Transuranics Waste to the Hanford Site for storage, and or treatment as stated in the August 27th 2002 Amendment to the Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision. 67 FR 56989;
- 2) sources and contents of shipments of Transuranic wastes sent to Hanford for treatment and/or storage;
- 3) characterization of Transuranic wastes sent to Hanford for treatment and/or storage, and any resulting designation;
- 4) locations where Transuranic Waste shipped to Hanford for treatment and/or storage will be stored;
- 5) consideration of environmental impacts of treatment and/or storage of Transuranic Wastes at Hanford;
- 6) consideration of impacts of shipping Transuranic wastes to Hanford;
- 7) transportation routes considered for shipment of Transuranic wastes to Hanford for treatment and/or storage; and
- 8) permitting requirements for treatment and/or storage at the Hanford Site

The requesting organizations request that all fees be waived, on the basis that "the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public." 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(a) (4) (A). Additionally, disclosure of the above-requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government. Furthermore, Heart of America Northwest is the region's largest Hanford Citizen watchdog group and its staff are often referenced by the press and media when conducting news investigations. Finally, disclosure of the above-requested information is in no way connected with any commercial interest of the requesters. The requesting organizations are non-profit, non-partisan public interest organizations concerned with honest and open government. They are requesting the above information as part of ongoing projects on the monitoring of environmental safety and clean-up, including costs of clean-up, of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

For any documents or portions of documents that you deny due to specific FOIA exemption(s), please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should provide a detailed justification of your grounds for claiming such an exemption, and explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of document withheld. The requested documents will effect Heart of America Northwest's ability to comment on environmental impact statements, please respond in a timely manner.

Sincerely yours,


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