



## Department of Energy

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February 1, 2010

In reply refer to: DK-7

Jennifer K. Smith  
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Seattle, WA 98101-2338

**RE: FOIA #BPA-2010-00848-F**

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Your letter with your revised request was received in this office on Monday, February 1, 2010, and has been assigned a control number, BPA-2010-00848-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the Agency about your request.

**You have requested:**

Obtaining any and all information concerning environmental contamination of the Upper Columbia River and Lake Roosevelt associated with the smelter located in Trail, British Columbia (owned and/or operated by Teck Resources Ltd. And/or its predecessors and/or subsidiaries including Teck Cominco Ltd., Teck Corporation, Cominco, Teck Metals, and Tec American) from 1937 to the present. This request also encompasses documents and information related to the contamination of Black Sand Beach and Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. To the extent that BPA has documents related to this issue prior to 1937 (the date of BPA's creation), we are interested in those documents as well. Specifically, we are interested in the following types of documentation:

- Any and all correspondence between BPA and Teck Resources, Ltd. (and/or its predecessors and/or subsidiaries including Teck Cominco Ltd., Teck Corporation, Cominco, Teck Metals, and Teck American) as it concerns the contamination of the Upper Columbia River;
- Any and all internal correspondence, memos, and/or documentation related to the contamination of the Upper Columbia River associated with the Trail smelter;
- Any and investigations, reports, or studies (including, soil or water sampling) conducted, generated, and/or created by the BPA (or on its behalf) with respect to the contamination of the Upper Columbia River associated with the Trail smelter; and
- Any and all correspondence between BPA and other federal and state agencies with respect to the contamination of the Upper Columbia River associated with the Trail smelter.

We have reviewed your letter and have determined that it addresses all the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. You have agreed to pay up to \$500 in fee charges and BPA will contact your office if it appears that the charges will be higher.

Mr. Stephen R. Sander, Physical and Environmental Scientist, Pollution, Preventive Abatement, has been assigned as the Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Sander has twenty (20) working-days to respond to your request. The due date for your response is Tuesday, March 2, 2010. If you need to contact Mr. Sander, he can be reached by calling (503) 230-4724.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at (503) 230-7305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina J. Brannon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Christina J. Brannon  
FOIA/Privacy Act Officer



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March 10, 2010

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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for the request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

BPA is taking an allowed ten working-day extension starting Thursday, March 11, 2010, to respond to your request. The new response date is Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at 503-230-7305.

Sincerely,

Christina J. Brannon  
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer