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SECURITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

April 25, 2013

In reply refer to: NN-1

Ms. JoAnne Vance
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FOIA #BPA-2013-00891-F

Dear Ms. Vance:

On April 16, 2013, the FOIA request you made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, regarding documents related to your father's work for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) was received in our office. Your request was assigned the tracking number above. Please use that number for any inquiries or appeals.

You requested:

A copy of "a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between BPA and the U.S. Department of Energy for maintenance repair services at Hanford from 1954-1966"; as well as any "documents relating to Raymond Nelson's employment with BPA from 1952-1966."

Final response:

BPA staff at the Hanford facility found no record of either your father's employment with BPA or of the Memorandum of Understanding. They provided a historical timeline (below) of the Hanford facility to assist you:

For reference, if the request was related to the Hanford Generating Plant:

- N Reactor achieved criticality in December 1963
- Public Law 87-701 dated September 26, 1962, authorized the building and operation of electrical generating and transmission facilities (which became the Hanford Generating Plant)
- 71 public agencies and five private utilities participated in the project through the Washington Public Power Supply System, which had negotiated a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission to allow it to construct and operate the generating and transmission facilities
 - Unit 1 became operational in April 1966
 - Unit 2 became operational shortly after Unit 1

- N Reactor was 'terminated' in June 1971; but then continued to operate.
- Termination of N Reactor did not stop it from continuing to produce power for the steam need for the Hanford Generating Plant; however, both units were finally terminated in 1983

According to BPA's Information Governance & Life Cycle Management Office, Memoranda of Understanding are kept in accordance with government regulations for the life of the agreement, plus five years. That time line is long expired.

Any engineering records are required to be kept for the life of the work being done, plus 50 years. That time line is expired as well.

Also, BPA's Environmental Section states that regulations regarding records about hazardous waste materials (normally samples) - to be kept from the date of collection, plus 50 years - were not in place until the 1970's.

BPA's Human Capital Management related that all personnel records for BPA transfer to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 120 days after an employee leaves BPA.

You can ask for civilian personnel records directly at the following website:
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/civilian-personnel/faqs.html>

Again, BPA has found no records responsive to your request.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, if you are dissatisfied with this determination, or the adequacy of the search, you may appeal this FOIA response in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of a final response letter. The appeal should be made to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA Appeal is being made.

There are no fees associated with this request.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Kim Winn, Communications Specialist, at 503-230-5273 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro
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FOIA/Privacy Act Officer