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Andrew T. Dunau
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Re: Freedom of Information Action Request EPA-R10-2022-006857

Dear Mr. Dunau:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 27, 2022, in which you requested:

- 2014 Soil sampling results for each of 235 primary decision units on 74 properties, inclusive of Stevens County Washington parcel number, taken as part of EPA's 2014 Upper Columbia River (UCR) Residential Soil Study. The final 2014 UCR Residential Soil Study Field Sampling and Data Summary Report prepared by CH2MHill for EPA and dated February 2016 identifies the number of properties, primary decision units and parcel numbers requested.
- Letter correspondence from EPA to each of the 74 property owners summarizing the results of the 2014 UCR soil residential soil sampling on their property.
- 2014 soil sampling results for each of 142 Aerial Deposition Areas (ADAs), inclusive of Stevens County Washington parcel number, conducted by Teck American Incorporated (TAI) and submitted to EPA. The UCR Final Soil Study Data Summary Report prepared by WinWard Environmental for TAI, dated October 2015 and approved by EPA, identifies that 142 ADA soil sampling results were provided to EPA.
- Letter correspondence from TAI copied to EPA to each of the property owners summarizing the results of 2014 ADA soil sampling on their property.
- Soil sampling results for each of 452 DUs from a total of 144 properties, inclusive of Stevens County Washington parcel number, conducted by Teck American Incorporated (TAI) and submitted to EPA. The UCR Final Residential Soil Study Data Summary Report prepared by Ramboll Environ for TAI, dated October 2015, and approved by EPA identifies 452 DUs and 144 properties were sampled.
- Letter correspondence from TAI copied to EPA to each of the property owners summarizing the results of the 2016 soil sampling on their property.

Records responsive to your request may be found on FOIAonline at <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> under your FOIA Tracking Number EPA-R10-2022-006857.

EPA is withholding portions of records from disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) because the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(i)(I), EPA has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

We are continuing to process the remainder of your request as expeditiously as possible. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(e), given the scope of the request, the response to your request requires a significant amount of EPA's resources and time to search for, and appropriately examine voluminous records. At this time EPA estimates the Agency will be able to complete the response to this request by February 22, 2023. If we can respond sooner, we will let you know.

If you have any questions regarding this interim response, please contact Jennifer MacDonald, Attorney, by phone at 206-553-8311 or by email at MacDonald.Jennifer@epa.gov. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call 202-566-1667. You may also seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: 202-741-5770 or 877-684-6448; fax: 202-741-5769; or mail:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

This is an EPA Region 10 interim response to FOIA Request EPA-R10-2022-006857.

Sincerely,

Calvin J. Terada
Director

Preview Request

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a federal law that gives the public the right to make requests for federal agency records. Agencies may withhold information according to nine exemptions contained in the statute. The FOIA applies only to federal agencies. It does not apply to records held by Congress, the courts, or by state or local government agencies. Each state has its own public access laws that should be consulted for access to state and local records.

★ indicates a required field.

Agency Selection

Agency Environmental Protection Agency
Sub Agency Environmental Protection Agency (General)

- **Environmental Consulting Firms**
- **Mortgage Banks**
- **Real Estate Agents**

looking for **PROPERTY INFORMATION**, find public records without filing a FOIA request.

SEARCH THESE EPA WEBSITES

MyProperty portal: <http://www.epa.gov/myproperty>

Envirofacts: <https://enviro.epa.gov/index.html>

Your search results are identical to results you would receive by filing a FOIA request.

Request Type

Request Type FOIA

Contact Information

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Processing Fees

Will Pay Up To

\$250.00

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Request Expedited Processing

Make Request?

No

Request a Fee Waiver

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Yes

Justification

Factor 1: Records concern EPA UCR RI/FS activities. Factors 2, 3 and 4. Disclosure will contribute to public understanding of locations with contaminated soil. Factors 5 and 6. Public interest and transparency in soil sampling results as it relates to possible real estate transactions is greater in magnitude than that of any identified commercial interest in disclosure.

Additional Information

Records Locations - Identify one or more locations where records may be located Region 10 - AK ID OR WA and 271 Native Tribes

Attach Supporting Files

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
LRF.FOIA.Request.Links to supporting documents.docx	0.0171	Microsoft Word 2007

✓ I Agree.

I have read the Privacy and Security Notice and agree to the terms set forth.

✓ I Agree.

Affirmation. Pursuant to 28 USC § 1746, I declare and affirm that under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information, statements, and signatures submitted in connection with this request and in any supporting documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.