Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

February 18, 2009

Mr. William Ransohoff
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Re: FOIA-2009-000093

Dear Mr. Ransohoff:

This is in further response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for a copy of a grant containing a substantial amount of money which was made by DOE to JL Shepherd & Associates.

Any documents that may exist at the DOE that are responsive to the request are under the jurisdiction of the NNSA Service Center Albuquerque Office (NNSA). For this reason, I have sent the request to Ms. Carolyn Becknell, the FOIA Officer at that location to conduct a search of their files.

In compliance with the FOIA, the 20 day response time will begin when the NNSA Service Center receives the request. Ms. Becknell will provide you a response about the releasability of any responsive documents that are located.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request, please contact Ms. Becknell at the NNSA Service Center at P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400. She also can be contacted on (505) 845-4869.

This is the final response that you will receive about your request from this office. You may contact Ms. Vera Dunmore of my staff on (202) 586-4047 with any questions about this letter.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Information Resources

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MEMORANDUM TO: CAROLYN BECKNELL, FOIA OFFICER
NNSA SERVICE CENTER ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: ALEXANDER C. MORRIS
FOIA OFFICER
OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

SUBJECT: FOIA REQUEST OF WILLIAM RANSOHOFF
(FOIA-2009-000093)

The attached request submitted by Mr. William Ransohoff is transferred to your office for action. Mr. Ransohoff submitted the request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please conduct a search for responsive documents and inform him of the results of the search.

For your information, I also attached a copy of our correspondence to Mr. Ransohoff. If you have any additional questions about this transmittal, please contact Ms. Vera Dunmore of my staff on (202) 586-4047.

Attachments

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From: FOIA-Central@hq.doe.gov
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Record Description:

We recently became aware of a grant of a substantial amount of money which was made by DOE to JL Shepherd & Associates for the purpose of assisting JL Shepherd & Associates in efforts to develop a new shipping package for radioactive material. The package would ultimately have to receive approval from the USNRC and the USDOT.

We do not know exactly when this grant was made, but it is our understanding that approximately $2 million of DOE money has already been spent by JL Shepherd in its efforts, so we suspect that the grant was made a few years ago.

We do not know what division of DOE made the grant, but have heard suggestions that it was the Orphan Source Recovery Program ("OSRP") at the Los Alamos National Lab.

I use the term "grant" loosely above. I am not certain in what form the money was given. I would appreciate all applicable information concerning the "grant".

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Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

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