



Department of Energy

Office of Scientific and Technical Information

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

August 10, 2016

Re: OSTI-2016-01064-F

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in final response to the request for information you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552 on June 22, 2016.

You requested a "copy of records, electronic, or otherwise, of each letter TO and FROM universities, companies, and organizations, from the OSTI 'cold fusion' documents collection." On July 11, 2016, you were emailed an interim response letter informing you of the need for OSTI to obtain release authorization from the Department of Energy. OSTI received notification to release the letters to you in their entirety on August 8, 2016. As a result, OSTI is releasing 72 cold fusion letters in this mailing on a CD-ROM because of the volume and file size of the PDFs.

In addition, there are approximately 13 letters that are currently being reviewed by the DOE's General Counsel Office (GC) for release or redaction. Upon receipt of guidance from GC, OSTI will release in whole or in part.

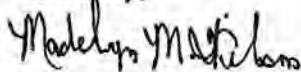
This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within **90** calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA_filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact OSTI's FOIA Public Liaison, Charlene Luther, Office of Preservation and Technology at 865.576.1138 or by mail at the Department of Energy, Office of Scientific and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or about this letter, please contact Madelyn M. Wilson at

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Marilyn Lloyd
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Dear Mrs. Lloyd:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1989, expressing your desire in having the Department of Energy's national laboratories contribute towards resolving the cold fusion technical debate.

I agree that resolving this debate is important. Towards this end, our laboratories have intensified their research efforts. A meeting of laboratory personnel was held in Washington, D.C., on April 19, 1989, to discuss the cold fusion activities of the various laboratories. Subsequent to this meeting, I sent a memorandum, dated April 24, 1989, copy enclosed, to the laboratory directors encouraging them to continue and intensify their efforts and report to me weekly on their progress. This process is well underway.

In addition, the Department sponsored a workshop on cold fusion held on May 23-25, 1989, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The workshop was coordinated by Los Alamos National Laboratory. There were 435 registrants, with numerous reports from the Department's national laboratories.

Finally, DOE laboratories stand ready to assist any laboratory reporting positive results. A number of our national laboratories are already collaborating with other laboratories to assist in various measurements. Texas A&M University, for example, has provided samples of materials from its experiments in order to allow DOE laboratories to test for the presence of various fusion products.

In summary, we believe that the process of scientific review and assessment of this phenomenon is moving ahead. A consensus on cold fusion verification should emerge in the near future.

Your interest in this subject is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James D. Watkins
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Enclosure