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Freedom of Information Act Officer
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington D.C. 20460

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Please send me copies of all memoranda and correspondence between Dow Chemical company and the EPA and internal EPA memoranda concerning the reregistration of the herbicide 2,4,5-T from July 15, 1982 until July 12, 1983. I am only asking for materials concerning 2,4,5-T being reregistered for use in the U.S.

As you know, the FOIA provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, I will expect you to send me all nonexempt portions of the records which I have requested, and ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

I promise to pay reasonable search and duplication fees in connection with this request. However, the FOIA provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as "primarily benefiting the general public." I am a journalist and intend to use the information I'm requesting as the basis for articles and also a book that I'm writing. Therefore, I'm asking that you waive all fees. If you deny this request, I ask that you notify me so I can decide whether to pay or to appeal your decision.

As I'm making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I will appreciate your communicating with me within the required 10 business days of receiving this request. If you exceed the time line, I request a call at the above numbers.

Sincerely,

Ms. J.A. Savage