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Dear Mr. Freeberg,

Thank you for sending a portion of the WIDS database we requested on June 10, 1989. We received it today.

Please note that the fourteen day deadline specified on the Action Plan was missed since it took one month for Ecology to receive this information. We are concerned about this delay since no special preparation of the data was required and nothing was asked for that had not been cleared. The information was a matter of public record.

There seems to be a misunderstanding concerning the time required in responding to requests for data. Paul Heeter has forwarded the attached telephone record for June 27th, and we appreciate his sharing this with us because it clarifies the misunderstanding.

Generally, we do not consider that the WIDS data requires continuing, extensive document clearance. However, if this is incorrect, steps still need to be taken in order to keep within the spirit of the Agreement as specified under Section 3.5 of the Action Plan. We consider that any extensions beyond the 14 day limitation are for the initial modifications of DOE clearance procedures, or for unusual and complex requests.

In order to meet the fourteen day timeline, we suggest that new data added to the WIDS be "cleared" at the time it is entered on the system.

It is important for all parties to establish efficient and timely access to information as soon as possible, because our need for information will increase significantly. For example, Ecology will need access to the Hanford Environmental Information System (HEIS) as components of the system are brought "on-line".



RECORD OF TELEPHONE DISCUSSION		Date: June 27, 1989
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Subject: ECOLOGY REQUEST FOR WIDS DATA		
Detail of Conference:		
<p><u>BACKGROUND</u> - A meeting was held on June 14, 1989 with Travis Young of Ecology, Paul Heeter of DOE, and Nancy Homan and Ed Thornton of WHC to discuss Ecology access to the Waste Information Data System (WIDS) as afforded by section 3.5 of the Action Plan. Mr. Young was hoping to pick up on that day WIDS data requested in writing on June 10, 1989 by Larry Goldstein of Ecology. At the June 14 meeting, I informed Mr. Young that we were unable to provide the requested data that day due to clearance cycle requirements. I had also called Larry Goldstein that morning to explain the same to him. I indicated to Messrs. Goldstein and Young that the data was being prepared and would be forwarded to Ecology as soon as we could get it through clearance. Neither Mr. Goldstein nor Mr. Young seemed to understand that the WIDS data cannot be given to outside parties without proper document clearance. They both seemed to think that, because the Action Plan allows Ecology to request and receive the data, it is already cleared. I explained that this is not the case, the Action Plan allows a 14 day period to respond to the request, and that I suspected that this response time was probably negotiated into the Agreement to accommodate WHC procedures and DOE orders regarding document clearance requirements. Travis Young called on Friday the 23rd to find out when he could expect the WIDS data.</p> <p>At 8:45 this morning I called Travis Young and informed him that I had the clearance package on my desk for signature, that it had been through WHC internal document clearance, and that I was preparing a transmittal letter in response to Mr. Goldstein's June 10 request. Mr. Young expressed his concern that DOE orders and WHC procedures do not adequately support the provision in section 3.5 of the Action Plan for Ecology access to WIDS data. He still seems to be under the impression that the Action Plan provision automatically makes the WIDS data already cleared for release.</p>		
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