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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
AND E-MAIL

Mr. Derek Shannon  
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request ("FOIA") Docket No. CH-2010-01004

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This is in response to the electronic FOIA request you submitted on November 11, 2009. I am writing you in my capacity as authorizing official responsible for making the determination required by Section 1004.5 of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulations found at 10 CFR 1004.5, which implements the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

**Scope of Request**

In your November 11, 2009, e-mail you requested:

[W]ritten documentation and/or correspondence relating to the activity which ... [Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy] ... describes as "got some of the experts at Lawrence Berkeley Lab to look at it." This information might consist of whatever memo or review constituted the "look" by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory or other DOE personnel.

**Response to Your Request for Information**

After reviewing your request, and conducting a thorough review, we have identified one responsive document, which is attached.

There is no charge for this request.

You are advised of your right to appeal the adequacy of the search within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, by writing to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HQ-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You are further advised that judicial review will thereafter be available within the district in which you reside, have a principal place of business, where the records are located, or in the District of Columbia.

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please contact Mr. Patrick M. Burke, Berkeley Site Office Assistant Chief Counsel, at (510) 486-7203.

Sincerely,



Aundra Richards  
Site Manager  
Berkeley Site Office

Enclosure: Background Information on HIF Program

cf: M. Legan