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SAF/AII
1000 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1000

FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Please process this request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), including Trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and benzene, were used extensively at the former George Air Force Base, CA, "EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453."

Because of the widespread use and improper disposal of these VOCs, it is unreasonable to believe that no one was injured by the environmental contamination at the former George Air Force Base, CA.

Because of the well-documented health problems associated with the exposure to TCE, PCE, benzene, their daughter products, and/or metabolites, and the need to determine if a Completed Exposure Pathway (CEP) existed to the former George Air Force Base personnel,

1. **I am requesting the complete printout or export of AF Form 356 "Findings and Recommended Disposition of USAF Physical Evaluation Board" for the Air Force personnel who were medically retired and/or discharged from the former George Air Force Base.**
 - Please redact the sensitive personal identifiers from these records.
2. This request is not meant to be exclusive of any other records that, although not specifically requested, have a reasonable relationship to the subject matter of this request. If you, or your office, have destroyed or decide to withhold any documents that could be reasonably construed to be responsive to this request, I ask that you indicate this fact and the reasons in your response.

Redaction

In excising material, please "black out" rather than "white out" or "cut out." Additionally, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided to me after redaction of any allegedly exempt material, as the law requires. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If this request is denied, in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the information.

Public Interest Fee Waiver

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested information will further the "public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest" of the requester, the GeorgeAFB.Info.

Specifically, GeorgeAFB.Info will use the information requested to inform the public if a Completed Exposure Pathway (CEP) existed to the George AFB personnel, their families, civilian employees, and the surrounding community and request a new Public Health Assessment for the former George AFB.

I am researching the environmental contamination at the former George Air Force Base, CA, "EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453." The requested documents are necessary to determine if a Completed Exposure Pathway(s) (CEP) existed or exist at George AFB and the surrounding community. If a Completed Exposure Pathway(s) can be established the records will be used to petition the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for new Public Health Assessment for George AFB so our friends and families can get medical care and help bring closure to the families who lost their loved ones.

The primary mission of GeorgeAFB.Info, which is the outreach to the hundreds, possibly thousands of people who were potentially injured by the toxic contamination that was at George AFB. The large number of page views, the hundreds of "Self-Reported Health Problems"; dozens of personal accounts about miscarriages, stillbirths, birth defects, and childhood cancers at George AFB demonstrate the successful outreach of GeorgeAFB.Info.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. **If I am denied a "Public Interest Fee Waiver," I will pay "under protest" and I expressly reserve my rights to appeal your decision.**

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." I am aware that I have a right to appeal this request if it is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days. I am aware that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs" pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

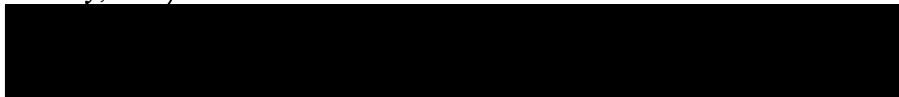
In closing, I would like to remind you of President Obama's "Presidential Memorandum For Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies."

"SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears. Nondisclosure should never be based on an effort to protect the personal interests of Government officials at the expense of those they are supposed to serve."

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. I can be reached at 209-984-5517, or via email frankvera3rd@att.net. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Date

Physical address:

