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Via FOIAOnline

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Coordinator:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request copies of the following documents:

- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel[1] and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/14 to present.
    - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of NRDC have an email that includes "@nrdc.org" and the following non-exclusive list of NRDC employees may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company:
        - Meleah Geertsma
        - Selena Kyle
        - Craig Spencer
        - Henry Henderson
        - Anjali Waiker
        - Samantha Williams

[1] It is unknown whom NRDC may have communicated with at EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, but may include the following non-exclusive list of individuals: Nicole Cantello; John Matson; Shilpa Patel; Molly Smith; John Mooney; Motria Caudill; Alan Walts; Nathan Frank; George Czerniak; Molly Smith; Patrick Miller; Jacqueline Nwia; Eileen Furey; Sara Breneman; Carole Braverman; Mary Pat Tyson; Sarah Marshall; Brian Dickens; George Bollweg; Jaime Wagner; Anna Wagner; Gina Soscia; Mark Johnson; Suzanne King; Susan Hedman; Robert Kaplan; Cheryl Newton; or Edward Nam.

- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel[2] and Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF) regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/14 to present.

    - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of or representing SETF that may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, include, but are not limited to:
        - Debbie Chizewer
        - Peggy Salazar
        - Olga Bautista
        - Tom Shepard
        - Kate Koval
        - Nancy Margraff

- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel[3] and the media regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/16 to present.

    - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of or representing the media that may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, include, but are not limited to:
        - Alex Ruppenthal (WTTW)
        - Michael Hawthorne (Chicago Tribune)
        - Fran Spielman (Chicago Sun Times)

I am only requesting the above-listed communications where correspondence has been sent from, sent to, or copied individuals working on behalf of or representing these outside third-parties (NRDC, SETF, or the media). I am not requesting inter-agency or intra-agency communications

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[3] It is unknown whom the media may have communicated with at EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, but may include the following non-exclusive list of individuals: Nicole Cantello; John Matson; Shilpa Patel; Molly Smith; John Mooney; Motria Caudill; Alan Walts; Nathan Frank; George Czerniak; Molly Smith; Patrick Miller; Jacqueline Nwia; Eileen Furey; Sara Breneman; Carole Braverman; Mary Pat Tyson; Sarah Marshall; Brian Dickens; George Bollweg; Jaime Wagner; Anna Wagner; Gina Soscia; Mark Johnson; Suzanne King; Susan Hedman; Robert Kaplan; Cheryl Newton; or Edward Nam.

except to the extent such communications have been forwarded or sent to these outside third-parties and/or where these outside third-parties have been copied on such communications.

We will pay all reasonable search and copying costs, up to $250. Should the cost of fulfilling this request exceed $250, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

/s/ Jessica Sharrow Thompson