

**Fee Information:**

The Freedom of Information Act permits agencies to collect fees to recover the direct costs of processing requests, unless a fee waiver has been granted or the charges fall below a certain amount. These issues are addressed below.

Based upon the information that you have provided, this request will be processed in accordance with the fee schedule designated for the following category of requesters. (See 22 C.F.R. Part 171.14 of the enclosed "Rules and Regulations".)

- ( ) commercial use requester (pays search, review & duplication costs)
- ( ) educational institutions (pays duplication costs after first 100 pages)
- ( ) non-commercial scientific institutions (pays duplication costs after first 100 pages)
- ( ) representative of the news media (pays duplication costs after first 100 pages)
- (x) all other requesters (pays search time after 2 hours/duplication costs after first 100 pages)

The Department's search and review fees are:

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| Administrative/Clerical | \$ 8.00/hour |
| Professional            | \$17.00/hour |
| Executive               | \$30.00/hour |

Copy costs are assessed at the rate of \$0.25 per page.

Your request for a fee waiver has been denied. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may write to: Chief, Requester Liaison Division, at the address below. Your appeal should address the points listed in the enclosed sheet entitled "Request for Fee Waiver."

Accordingly, in light of the insufficient information provided to us so far we are unable to continue to process and have closed this request. You must resubmit your request with the requested information above.