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Via email: 99658-03877767@requests.muckrock.com

RE: HQ-2020-01064-F

Dear Ms. Lipton and Ms. McCarthy

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested the following:

Any and all documents, memos, plans, environmental impact reports, and emails mentioning "deep sea mining" or "deep-sea mining" or "polymetallic nodules" or "manganese nodules."

At this time, your request has not been assigned to a program office at the DOE. You will be notified upon determination of the appropriate program office to process your request.

In your request, of my office, you agreed to pay up to \$25.00 for the processing of your request.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requester. Requesters in this category are entitled to two (2) free hours of search time and are provided 100 pages at no cost. You will be notified if the costs for processing your request are expected to exceed \$25.00.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955 or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland



20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Michelle Burgess in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-1404.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information