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Mr. Carl Malamud  
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RE: Request Number HQ-RIN-01320-09

Dear Mr. Malamud:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552 request seeking information on how much money the EPA is spending on access to federal court documents and other primary legal materials.

We have reviewed your fee waiver justification and based upon the information you provided, your request for a fee waiver is denied. More specifically you have failed to demonstrate that the release of the information requested significantly increase to the public understanding of government operations or activities.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal my fee waiver denial determination to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the RIN listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,

  
Larry F. Gottesman  
National FOIA Officer