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OFFICE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Mr. David Halperin  
Public Resource Organization  
1005 Gravenstein Highway, North  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – EPA-HQ-2015-009383

Dear Mr. Halperin:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeking records under FOIA regarding Dr. Mary C. McKiel's relationship with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and ANSI and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International.

We have reviewed your request, and based on the information provided in your letter, we are denying your request for a fee waiver. You have not demonstrated that the release of the information would significantly contribute to the public understanding. As a result of you failing to meet this criteria, accordingly, there is no need to address the remaining prongs of the fee waiver criteria.

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) will be responding to your information request. You have been placed in the "other" fee category, and will be charged for the costs of search time and duplication, excluding the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of duplication. If the estimated costs exceed \$25.00, OGC will contact you regarding the cost of processing your request and seek an assurance of payment. They will be unable to process your request until they receive your assurance of payment.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this fee waiver denial determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), or E-mail:foia\_hq@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 request number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l), in your appeal. If you have any questions concerning this determination please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry F. Gottesman", written over the printed name.

Larry F. Gottesman  
National FOIA Officer