



*This policy establishes the basic mechanism for response to queries regarding the U.S. Transuranium and Uranium Registries.*

### **General practice is open communication**

It is general policy of the Registries to openly and freely communicate scientific results and other information regarding their activities. Normally, this is accomplished through peer-reviewed scientific literature and Annual Reports of operations, which are also made available via the Internet at <http://www.ustur.wsu.edu>. Specific inquiries will be answered fully provided that such response is in full accord with the legal and contractual requirements and does not violate the Registries policy with respect to the privacy of individual Registrants, and does not constitute an undue burden, significant intrusion, or delay of the program.

### **Director responds to specific inquiries**

Inquiries regarding the Registrants or the policies and practices of the Registries should be addressed to the Director of the Registries.

### **Registries' publications provide response to inquiries**

The operations and progress of the Registries are described in various publications, including an Annual Report published at the end of each calendar year. The Annual Report and a listing of

open literature publications are also available via the USTUR's webpage. These publications provide the basic information regarding the Registries and are freely provided upon request. The Registries will maintain a mailing list of correspondents to whom Annual Reports shall be routinely sent, and will provide, without cost, a copy of the current Annual Report, to anyone who requests it. It is the policy of the Registries to promptly communicate all information on a specific Registrant to that individual, if living, or to the next-of-kin upon written request when the data become available.

### **Responses to inquiries maintain Registrants' privacy**

To ensure the privacy of each individual Registrant, as required by Washington State law, the Federal Privacy Act, and ethical requirements, the Registries do not identify individual Registrants, unless required to do so by law or regulation, or specifically requested by the Registrant, or next-of-kin in the case of deceased Registrants. Registrants are identified in open literature by a unique four digit number, and every attempt is made to avoid the publication of personal identifiers or data that would lead to the identification of the individual.