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Dear Ms. Dolph,

Attached please find Environmental Defense Fund's response to your message below.

With best regards,
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From: Dolph, Becky [mailto:Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]
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Dear Mr. Levitan: Thank you for speaking with me this afternoon regarding your pending FOIA request EPA-HQ-2017-003020 .

As we discussed, immediately following the 2017 Presidential inauguration, the agency received numerous FOIA requests regarding historic versions of the EPA website. To respond to these requests for information, EPA has re-posted a snapshot of the EPA website as it existed on January 19, 2017.

- This action is similar to the web snapshot taken of the previous administration's WhiteHouse.gov site that is publically available on the National Archives and Records Administration's web site.
- The EPA snapshot (19January2017Snapshot@epa.gov) is now available on the current

EPA web page in the footer, under "Discover," or from the "Frequently Requested Information" portion of the FOIA page.

The information provided in the January 19, 2017 Web Snapshot provides the information sought by the first paragraph of your request and may provide all of the information you seek. Also as we discussed, if it does not, as submitted, the second paragraph of your request is not a proper request because it does not reasonably describe the records sought as required by both the FOIA statute and the Agency's regulations. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A); 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(c). In order for us to process your request, you should "include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter. If known, you should include any file designations or descriptions for the records that you want. The more specific you are about the records or type of records that you want, the more likely EPA will be able to identify and locate records responsive to your request. . ." 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(c).

If the January 19, 2017 Web Snapshot does not provide the information you seek, please contact me within 10 days of the date of this correspondence so that we can assist in clarifying request. If we do not hear from you by that date, we will consider your request voluntarily withdrawn.

We hope this information is helpful to you and we appreciate your interest in EPA.

Becky Dolph

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