From: Engels, Alan
To: Ostendorf, Jody
Cc: Aldinger, Dayle
Subject: RE: Congressional Correspondence Logs
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 12:06:00 PM

Jody,

Spoke with HQ and the AOs Office who indicated that regional offices have access to and can pull copies of all correspondence from CMS.

As a result, the request is to be processed by Region 8.

Dayle Aldinger will follow up with you to provide you the location to place any responsive materials relating to this request. Please let us know if there are any concerns with releasing any portion of those documents within FOIA exemptions. We will then confer with your supervisor and ORC attorneys about those concerns before releasing the documents.

Dayle will be your POC for this FOIA response.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Engels, Alan <engels.alan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressional Correspondence Logs

I recommend routing this request through headquarters. I would be working with a contractor at HQ to find the records anyway. My contact there is Bob Craine.

Best,

Jody

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It looks like the requester is looking for the correspondence.

One of the things we are looking at is who has control of the records. If HQ has control of the records the request should be re-assigned to HQ for processing.

I am trying to make sure the National FOIA Office properly routes these requests, as there is no reason we should process this if the records are maintained at HQ.

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Hi Alan,

Do you want correspondence logs, or the actual correspondence? I can work with HQ on getting this information, if you can clarify what you're looking for. Thanks!

Best,

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From: Engels, Alan <engels.alan@epa.gov>
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Good Morning Jody,

Last month we processed a FOIA that looked for Congressional Correspondence Logs.

I have a new request which seeks:

Congressional correspondence received by Region 8 from U.S. Senator Michael Bennett from 2019 to the present.

Is this something the region would have or is this something that is in the HQ managed files. If it is with HQ, who do I need to speak with?

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