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Re: Aditional Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
Composting of Municipal Sewage Sludge Permitted in Georgia

Dear Mr. Gottesman,

Yesterday I re-sent my FOIA request that I originally sent on November 11, 2013, to the incorrect email address posted on EPA¹s web site. I still haven¹t received a confirmation that you received my email request.

In addititon to the request in my original request, I¹m also requesting an electronic copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was done by EPA prior to EPA¹s decision to permit public distribution of municipal sewage sludge for land application, including the sale or free distribution of composted sewage sludge (aka biosolids).

Sincerely,

Sydney Bacchus
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------ Forwarded Message
From: sydney <appliedenvirserve@gmail.com>
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Dear Mr. Gottesman,

On November 11, 2013, I sent a FOIA request by email at the official email address provided on the EPA website. Immediately below my signature I have included a copy of the link to that FOIA information, provided by a search on the EPA web site and the information I copied from that web page. Below that information is a copy of the FOIA request that I sent on
November 11, 2013.

I received no response to that email, not even an automated response acknowledging the receipt of my email. Today, I resubmitted my FOIA request to the Fax number provided on the EPA¹s FOIA web page. I got an error message indicating that there was no answer at that fax number.

Then i called the phone number number provided on the EPA¹s FOIA web page (202/566-2147). I spoke to a woman named Cindy who told me that EPA no longer has a fax number for FOIA requests. When I told her that I was trying to confirm the receipt of my FOIA request she asked for the email address that I had used. I explained that it was the email address provided on EPA¹s FOIA web page - hq.foia@epa.gov. She informed me that email address had been changed and the new email address was - foia_hq@epa.gov. When I asked her why EPA¹s FOIA web page included a non-working fax number and email address, she indicated that I would have to ask you those questions, because you were EPA¹s FOIA Officer.

I can understand how the federal government is having insurmountable problesm creating an entirely new web site for billions of Americans to shop for health care. What I can¹t understand is how EPA failed to correct the FOIA submittal information on its long-established web site and why, at the very least, arrangements have not been made for an automatic response to be sent to anyone who sends an email to the old FOIA address (hq.foia@epa.gov) notifying them of the new FOIA email address.

As stated in my original FOIA request below, I am requesting the number, names and locations of the permits that have been issued in Georgia for composting of municipal sewage sludge, also known as ³biosolids² for public sale and/or distribution. That information will allow me to determine

if i need to narrow my FOIA request to a subset of the total number of files.

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http://publicaccess.supportportal.com/link/portal/23002/23012/Article/16374/How-can-I-make-a-Freedom-of-Information-Act-FOIA-request?__utma=172919287.587155339.1384221584.1384221584.1384221584.1&__utmb=172919287.6.8.1384221627900&__utmc=172919287&__utmx=-&__utmz=172919287.1384221584.1.1.utmcsr=google|utmccn=%28organic%29|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=%28not%20provided%29&__utmv=172919287.|1=visitor%20id=587155339=1&__utmk=153313656

How can I make a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request?
To make a FOIA request (for such information as EPA actions taken against particular companies), you must contact the EPA's FOIA Office. The request can be submitted online at:

<http://www.epa.gov/foia> <http://www.epa.gov/foia/make_a_request.html>
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You may also choose to submit your request via e-mail, fax, or traditional mail:

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FOIA homepage: http://www.epa.gov/foia

Prior to submitting a request please read the FOIA Reference Guide,
http://www.epa.gov/foia/guide.html

The formal rules for submitting FOIA requests to EPA are set forth in Title 40 Part 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
http://www.epa.gov/foia/foiaregs.htm

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