Message

From: Downs, Caitlin [Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/13/2019 6:37:00 PM
To: Talbert-Duarte, Angelia [talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

Perfect, thank you so much!

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From: Talbert-Duarte, Angelia <talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 1:35 PM
To: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

There is only one letter. I don't have 11/2/2017 in any of my drafts and I did not previously notice it on the final. I am not sure how/why that got added. There was a separate 11/2/2017 letter on a different issue. As far as I know, there is only one letter from GAO which is attached.

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From: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:22 PM
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Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

Hi Angelia,

The letter also references a December 21, 2017 letter (4th paragraph)—I'm not sure **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) If there are two separate letters, can you please send me both?

Thank you,

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From: Downs, Caitlin
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:16 PM

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Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

Hi Angelia,

Our response on March 23, 2018 that you sent me (attached) references a November 2, 2017 letter that EPA received from Julie Matta of GAO. Do you have a copy of that letter that you could send me?

Thank you,

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From: Talbert-Duarte, Angelia <talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>
Cc: Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

Please see attached.

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From: Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>; Talbert-Duarte, Angelia <talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

Hi Angie,

Talked with Caitlin, can you send her the letter we sent to GAO initially (before they issued their opinion) and the 710 letter we subsequently sent to the Hill?

Thanks.

Elise

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Subject: FW: Antideficiency Act Violation

Hi Elise and Angie,

I am looking for the communications that OGC and GAO exchanged regarding the anti-deficiency act violation related to the soundproof phone booth (see below). I'm working on an [Ex. 7(A)] Do either of you have copies of these communications that you could send to me?

Thank you,

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From: Blake, Wendy <Blake.Wendy@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Meighan, Alexandra <Meighan.Alexandra@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation

I would think Angie Talbert-Duarte or Elise would have copies.

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From: Downs, Caitlin <Downs.Caitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Blake, Wendy <Blake.Wendy@epa.gov>; Meighan, Alexandra <Meighan.Alexandra@epa.gov>
Subject: Antideficiency Act Violation

Hi all,

In working on our report for the [Ex. 7(A)] I noticed this in the GAO decision regarding the purchase of the soundproof booth:

"Consistent with our practice for legal opinions, we requested and received from EPA's Office of General Counsel information regarding the factual circumstances of this matter, as well as its legal views regarding whether EPA's actions complied with section 710 and the Antideficiency Act. Letter from Principal Deputy General Counsel, EPA, to Managing Associate General Counsel, GAO (Mar. 23, 2018) (EPA Letter); Letter from Managing Associate General Counsel, GAO, to Acting General Counsel, EPA (Dec. 21, 2017)." (https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/691272.pdf).

Do any of you know where I could get a copy of these two letters? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The letter Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but I'd like both if possible.

Thank you,

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