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Subject: RE: Antideficiency Act Violation
Attachments: FINAL EPA Letter to Committee_Sec 710_4.25.2018.pdf; FINAL EPA Response.gao.epa.3.23.18.pdf

Please see attached.

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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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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). Ex. 7(A) Do either of you have copies of these communications that you could send to me?

Thank you,

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

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Hi all,

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? They were not included as attachments/appendices in the GAO decision as far as I can tell. The letter from OGC to GAO is probably more important than the letter GAO sent back to us, but I'd like both if possible.

Thank you,

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