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To:	Vitellaro, Chandra
Subject:	FW: EPA-R10-2017-007268
Date:	Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:21:00 PM

I'll let you know when I'm able to discuss this with him but we can pause the FOIA in the interim. Thanks.

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From: Palomaki, Ashley
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:20 PM
To: 'kbogardus@eenews.net' <kbogardus@eenews.net>
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Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This email concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 12, 2017, in which you requested:

"I request all communication records related to the creation of EPA's May 12, 2017 press release entitled "EPA and Pebble Limited Partnership Reach Settlement Agreement." Please click on this link for more detail on this press release (https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-pebble-limited-partnership-reach-settlement-agreement). Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication -- including but not limited to records sent and from any individual employed and/or affiliated with Northern Dynasty Minerals, Ltd. and/or Pebble Limited Partnership -- related to the creation of this press release as responsive records to my request."

Parts of your request do not reasonably describe the records you are seeking in a way that will permit EPA employees to identify and locate them, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(c).

EPA's FOIA regulations state:

"Whenever possible, your request 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).

I would like to discuss the request with you to clarify the request and better understand the records you are seeking.

Please respond within ten calendar days from the date of this email to arrange a time to discuss your request. Please suggest some times that will work for you. If we do not receive a response from you within ten calendar days, we will consider your request to be voluntarily withdrawn. Once the request is clarified, we will continue processing your FOIA request and provide you with an updated estimated timeframe for completion.

Sincerely,

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