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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2015-006917) – Final Disposition Letter

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated May 1, 2015, seeking disclosure of "a copy of the closing report of investigation and/or closing memorandum as well as copies of sworn statements regarding Employee 'B.'" from "testimony before the House Oversight and Government Report Committee on April 30, 2015…"

Documents responsive to your request are enclosed. Redactions of information have been made to the documents pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, Sections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) and all redactions within the responsive documents are made pursuant to both Exemptions.

Exemption (b)(6) exempts from disclosure any information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The names of individuals and identifying information have been withheld pursuant to Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may appeal this decision to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460 or via email at oig_foia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and envelope should include the FOIA tracking number listed above and be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you make seek dispute resolution services from either the EPA FOIA Public Liaison (hq.foia@epa.gov; 202-566-1667) or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS serves as a bridge between FOIA requesters and agencies and can be reached by email at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 1-877-684-6448, or by fax at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, EPA OIG FOIA Officer, at (202) 566-1512 or oig_foia@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures