From:	bmay@usgs.gov on behalf of Freedom of Information Act, GS-GIO
To:	Palomaki, Ashley; Kercheval, Stephanie
Cc:	GS-GIO Freedom of Information Act
Subject:	USGS FOIA 2015-00021 - Fourth Referral to EPA
Date:	Monday, January 11, 2016 8:45:29 AM
Attachments:	1.1 20120127meeting notes2-2 revised.docx 1.1 BBA using Pebble data 010412.docx EPA-6363-0001273.pdf EPA-6363-0001113.pdf

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Good Morning Ashley and Stephanie,

I'm referring the two records to the EPA to process and respond directly to Steptoe. On Friday, January 8, 2016, Ms. Patty Palacios asked USGS to refer the records to the EPA to process, rather than request them directly from the EPA. I have included the email string below.

The first record can be found on page 123 and the second record can be found on page 217 of the records that USGS referred to the EPA. The records are found in EPA-6363-0001273 and EPA-6363-0001113, which EPA provided to Steptoe and Steptoe provided to me on January 8th.

I will inform Steptoe of this additional referral.

Sincerely,

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From: **Palacios, Patricia** <ppalacios@steptoe.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 8, 2016 at 2:34 PM
Subject: RE: USGS FOIA 2015-00021 - Have you Asked the EPA to Provide the Attachments?
To: "Freedom of Information Act, GS-GIO" <foia@usgs.gov>

Thanks Brian. If you could please refer them to EPA for review, that would be great.

From: bmay@usgs.gov [mailto:bmay@usgs.gov] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information Act, GS-GIO
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 2:33 PM

To: Palacios, Patricia
Subject: USGS FOIA 2015-00021 - Have you Asked the EPA to Provide the Attachments?

Hi Patty,

since those are EPA emails and EPA attachments, you need to get them from the EPA. They should have them. Have you asked the EPA to produce the attachments?

If you want me to pull them, I'm going to refer them to the EPA to review and respond to you. I think it's more efficient for you to go directly to the EPA. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

I am working 2014-0043 and 2014-00126 ahead of yours in the Exceptional/Voluminous processing track and making some progress with those requests. I won't be able to start reviewing Bob Seal's records until later this month or in February.

Sincerely,

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On Fri, Jan 8, 2016 at 12:00 PM, Palacios, Patricia <ppalacios@steptoe.com> wrote:

Brian –

Happy New Year! We received a production from EPA from documents your office referred to them. We have begun to review those documents and have identified two attachments to emails that we would like produced as well (per our usual practice to request attachments that seem relevant). The two documents are attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Patty