

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 6, 2019

The Honorable Mark L. Greenblatt  
Inspector General  
Office of the Inspector General  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW – MS 4428  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Inspector General Greenblatt:

I am writing about the Office of the Inspector General's recently initiated review of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Awareness Review process for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) productions.<sup>1</sup> As that work proceeds, I am requesting that the review include DOI's Supplemental (or Augmented) Awareness Review process for productions involving the DOI Secretary, Chief of Staff, or others in the Office of the Secretary.

On May 24, 2018 and February 28, 2019, DOI released guidance for processing FOIA productions that include the names of any Presidentially Appointed, Senate Confirmed (PAS), Non-Career Senior Executive, and/or Schedule C employees.<sup>2</sup> That guidance indicated that any such production would be subject to Awareness Review. In short, Awareness Review would give an undefined "Bureau contact for awareness reviews" and an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor three workdays to review the production. If the Bureau contact needs more time, he or she needs only to notify the FOIA personnel.

As described in a separate investigation request submitted to your office by Earthjustice,<sup>3</sup> an internal memo obtained through FOIA indicates the existence of a process called a Supplemental Awareness Review and/or an Augmented Awareness Review (hereafter called the Supplemental Awareness Review). According to the memo, any productions involving named senior staff in the Office of the Secretary must be sent to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Downey Magallanes) and Deputy

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Gail Ennis, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior to Daniel Stevens, Executive Director, Campaign for Accountability, and others (Jul. 23, 2019), <https://westernvaluesproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Ennis-5orgsFOIArev072319.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum, U.S. Department of the Interior, "Updated Awareness Process for Freedom of Information Act Productions" (Feb. 28, 2019), [https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/awareness\\_process\\_memo\\_2.0.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/awareness_process_memo_2.0.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Yuting Yvonne Chi, Attorney, Earthjustice to Gail Ennis, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior (Jun. 14, 2019), [https://earthjustice.org/sites/default/files/files/IG-Investigation-DOI-Policy\\_Jorjani-Testimony\\_2019-06-14.pdf](https://earthjustice.org/sites/default/files/files/IG-Investigation-DOI-Policy_Jorjani-Testimony_2019-06-14.pdf).

Solicitor (Daniel Jorjani) for an additional 5-day review. The production would then require an affirmative response from those two individuals before being released to the requestor.<sup>4</sup>

Several emails confirm the existence of a Supplemental Awareness Review process. These emails suggest that the process may have evolved over time:

- April 12, 2018: In response to an email from a FOIA analyst asking whether sign-off would be required “to move this request out of the Augmented Awareness Review phase,”<sup>5</sup> Ms. Magallanes responded: “You need sign off from Laura [Rigas] and I (sic). Thanks.”<sup>6</sup>
- June 11, 2018: The Deputy FOIA Officer for the Office of the Secretary referred to the process and indicated that it may have since been limited to the Secretary and Chief of Staff: “[REDACTED] informed us that we have a supplemental awareness policy for any materials involving the Secretary or COS and that affirmative response is required.”<sup>7</sup>
- June 19, 2018: A DOI attorney wrote to Ms. Magallanes and others: “I believe this package falls within the updated guidance that requires your affirmation before release due to its having references to the Secretary.”<sup>8</sup>

Later emails indicate that Hubbel Relat, then Counselor to the Secretary, gave additional verbal instructions regarding FOIA productions. It is unclear whether these instructions apply to all FOIA productions subject to Awareness Review or only those subject to Supplemental Awareness Review.

- November 9, 2018: In response to a question about whether a specific production required Awareness Review, the FOIA Officer for the Office of the Secretary wrote: “However, we have been under verbal orders to send everything to Heather Swift, John Bockmier and Hubbel Relat. Hubbel recently told me that some responses don’t need to be sent through this, but we never received clear verbal or written guidance on what is expected to go through this additional awareness.”<sup>9</sup>
- February 12, 2019: A Litigation Specialist in the Office of the Solicitor wrote: “Pursuant to the awareness review instructions Mr. Relat recently verbally provided to FOIA officer,

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<sup>4</sup> “Day in the Life of the OS FOIA Office (DRAFT Deliberative).” Response to FOIA request No. OS-2018-00959, Second Release OS-2018-00959-00888, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6174270-Footer-8-DRAFT-Deliberative-Revised-Day-in-the.html>. See Attachment 1.

<sup>5</sup> Email to Lori Mashburn, Downey Magallanes, Laura Rigas, and Daniel Jorjani from [REDACTED], “RE: LITIGATION RECORDS (17-cv-01779 (WVP v. DOI)) – Augmented Awareness Review.” Sent Apr. 12, 2018. See Attachment 2.

<sup>6</sup> Email to [REDACTED] from Downey Magallanes, “RE: LITIGATION RECORDS (17-cv-01779 (WVP v. DOI)) – Augmented Awareness Review.” Sent Apr. 12, 2018. See Attachment 2.

<sup>7</sup> Email to Downey Magallanes from [REDACTED], “72 Hour Awareness Notice (Monuments).” Sent June 11, 2018. See Attachment 3.

<sup>8</sup> Email to Downey Magallanes, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from [REDACTED], “Re: 1:18cv-00387/OS-2018-00089 and OS-2018-00145 Litigation Awareness Review.” Sent June 19, 2018. See Attachment 4.

<sup>9</sup> Email to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from [REDACTED], “Re:Friday.” Sent Nov. 9, 2018. See Attachment 5.

██████████, pleased find attached responsive documents with proposed redactions in the above-referenced FOIA litigation.”<sup>10</sup>

There is evidence that a Supplemental Awareness Review process may have resulted in changes or redactions applied to FOIA document productions. In a series of emails preceding the April 12, 2018 email referenced above, an email sent by Lori Mashburn on April 11, 2018 said “Thank you Justin for providing an opportunity to review. I have a few questions/concerns about some of the documents included. Please see below.”<sup>11</sup> Her comments are fully redacted. The next day, Justin Wilkinson wrote to Ms. Mashburn in the same email chain, “I concur with all of your comments and have applied them to the records.”<sup>12</sup>

There is also evidence that the Awareness Review process may have caused delays and resulted in the removal of entire documents from FOIA productions. One example comes from a FOIA request submitted by Western Values Project on March 16, 2018 regarding the resignation and retirement of two U.S. Geological Survey scientists, Dr. Murray Hitzman and Dr. Larry Meinert. When the document production was initially compiled, it included the names of several senior political appointees, thereby triggering its submission to Awareness Review.<sup>13</sup> The production was sent to all named persons on February 1, 2019 and recipients were instructed to respond by February 6. The email indicated the production was otherwise final: “The records associated with this Request for Awareness Review constitute our Final Response associated with Mr. Murray Hitzman’s resignation and Mr. Larry Meinert’s retirement.”<sup>14</sup>

Western Values Project did not receive the FOIA production until March 11, 2019. Recently released emails indicate that four pages were removed from the 92-page production during the review process.<sup>15</sup> The pages that were removed refer to an “Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting” that had been established by former DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke.<sup>16</sup> It is unclear whether these pages were removed as part of the regular Awareness Review or as part of a Supplemental Awareness Review.

The OIG’s review of the Awareness Review process should seek to answer the following questions:

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<sup>10</sup> Email to Hubbel Relat, Heather Swift, John Bockmier, et al. from ██████████ “WildEarth Guradians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review.” Sent Feb. 12, 2019. **See Attachment 6.**

<sup>11</sup> Email to ██████████ from Lori Mashburn, “RE: LITIGATION RECORDS (17-cv-01779 (WVP v. DOI)) – Augmented Awareness Review.” Sent April 11, 2018. **See Attachment 2.**

<sup>12</sup> Email to Lori Mashburn from ██████████, “RE: LITIGATION RECORDS (17-cv-01779 (WVP v. DOI)) – Augmented Awareness Review.” Sent April 12, 2018. **See Attachment 2.**

<sup>13</sup> FOIA request No. USGS-2018-00114 from Chris Seager, Executive Director of Western Values Project to U.S. Geological Survey.

<sup>14</sup> Email to ██████████, Andrea Travnicek, Heather Swift, et al. from ██████████, “USGS FOIA Request 2018-00114 – Request DOI Awareness Review with Senior Officials (Final Response).” Sent Feb. 1, 2019. **See Attachment 7.**

<sup>15</sup> Email to Hubbel Relat, ██████████, Lacey Smethers, and ██████████ from ██████████, “USGS FOIA 2018-00114: Awareness Review Complete.” Sent Mar. 11, 2019. **See Attachment 8.**

<sup>16</sup> Email chain beginning with an email from Murray Hitzman to Katharine MacGregor, et al., “Re: Energy Liaisons Group engagement.” Sent Dec. 15, 2017. **See Attachment 9.**

- Has the Supplemental (or Augmented) Awareness Review process resulted in redactions or the removal of documents that were inappropriate or not done in accordance with the exemptions provided under FOIA?
- Has the Supplemental (or Augmented) Awareness Review process improved or inhibited DOI's ability to meet deadlines for document productions under FOIA as well as deadlines resulting from litigation pursuant to FOIA?

Transparency in decision-making is among our best defenses against waste, fraud, abuse and corruption. Our federal agency leaders should be putting policies and procedures in place that promote transparency, not impede it. Please contact the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-6065 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva

Chair

Committee on Natural Resources

# **Attachment 1**

### *Day in the Life of the OS FOIA Office*

The OS FOIA Office (Office) has 7 FTEs (OS FOIA Officer, 5 processors, and 1 admin staff) to process all incoming FOIA's to the Office of the Secretary. For the past year, the office has also had 1 contractor assisting with intake procedures—though position vacant for two months.

(b) (5)

#### Intake

All incoming FOIA requests are received via email, fax, or mail and are processed as follows:

- 1) Each FOIA is **uploaded** into the Electronic FOIA Tracking System (EFTS) and data fields are completed;
- 2) Each FOIA is *perfected* (i.e., the scope of the request is clear and fee issues resolved – (b) (5)
- 3) A **determination** is made on what would entail a reasonable search for records (b) (5)
- 4) A physical file is **created** for each incoming FOIA as well as an electronic folder in the F-Drive to retain ALL records associated with the FOIA request—a *cradle to grave system*;
- 5) If the FOIA cannot be immediately *perfected*, the Office will **contact** the requester to clarify the request. This can sometimes take days. (b) (5)
- 6) Once the Office has determined the issues above, it **completes** the following tasks (b) (5)

1) **prepares** and sends an acknowledgement letter to the requester, which includes among other things, the EFTS-issued FOIA tracking number and the *processing track*; (b) (5)

Typically, the searches conducted by the Office are placed in the *simple or normal* track. Additionally, *normal* tracks may involve records that usually do not require any complex redactions or significant review process, such as calendars or visitor logs. The other tracks for processing, *complex and exceptional/voluminous*, are assigned for FOIAs that require extensive custodial searches or very complex review and processing (i.e., highly sensitive records, equities, etc). These FOIAs could take months or even years to close. In addition to the traditional process of requesting records from custodians, the Office has recently had limited opportunity to utilize the email Enterprise Records and Document Management System (eERDMS) to collect email records from certain custodians. Each FOIA is now reviewed for its potential for an eERDMS search. (b) (5)

2) **determines** if it will conduct a search for records (i.e. via the Document Tracking System (DTS) or previously released records), or send out via email a request(s) for records.

Requested searches for custodians in the Office of the Secretary range from a single individual to as many as 30 custodians per each FOIA request. Response time for records has gone from several days to several weeks or months to no response at all.

3) **assigns** a processor for processing the FOIA; and (b) (5)  
4) **responds** to calls or emails (b) (5) from custodians who have questions or concerns about a specific FOIA request.

This stage in the process has increased sharply due to the nature of the incoming FOIAs. These calls or emails may then impact the ultimate final scope and/or fees of the FOIA if custodians raise particular issues. On some Mondays, the Office is greeted with as many as 50 new requests to process from the weekend. This intake processing is largely done by 1 FTE and 1 contractor, if available, and overseen by the OS FOIA Officer.

Due to the unprecedented volume, the intake process that was completed in 24-48 hours on a chronological basis is now taking a week or more. (b) (5)  
With the increased volume of incoming FOIAs, admin and processing staff have not been able to conduct regular follow-ups with custodians for records, which has contributed to the increased volume in non-response litigation. (b) (5)

**Average Total Time for Intake Action/per person:**

**Processing**

Once the Office has received records from one or more of the custodies – either all at once or in a rolling production, the processor performs the following:

- 1) **review** the records for both responsiveness and apply appropriate exemptions;
  - This may entail conducting research via the internet, talking directly to the custodians about the nature of the records, consult with other bureau FOIA officers familiar with the subject matter or the actual records, conduct equity reviews, or private entities who have knowledge of the records. This stage is where the majority of time is spent by the processor. (b) (5)
  - Once the review process is complete, the processor **prepares** the package for the OS FOIA Officer review. If exemptions have been applied to the production or the matter is sensitive, the package is sent to the Division of General Law, Office of the Solicitor, for review. (b) (5) After review and consultation with the Office of the Solicitor, the processor may need to make changes to the package.

- Once the package is returned from the solicitor’s office, the processor **reviews** it for any DOI political staff named on any pages in the package. Once he/she determines the names, an email is sent to all named senior staff for a 72 hour awareness review and **5-day** review requiring for the DSCOS and Deputy Solicitor for an affirmative response. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Communications, and the Deputy Solicitor are cc’d on each package. The processor then pings those who have not responded. The package will not be sent until all individuals sent the email; respond in the affirmative. **(b) (5)**

Depending on staff levels, the Office may attempt to do rolling productions. However, at the present time, it has been difficult to keep track of when records are received, especially when the searches are partially fulfilled. Thus, the Office has typically waited until it is clear that all searches have been completed and records produced.

Once the awareness review is complete, the processor finalizes the package and releases it to the requestor (via email or traditional USPS). If the records respond to 3 or more requests, or the Office is likely to receive 3 or more request asking for the same records, the processor then posts the released records to the OS FOIA library. **(b) (5)**

**Average Total Time to Process:**

In FY 2018, processing productivity for OS FOIA Processors (pages/processed) is as follows:

Ryan									
			125		292	411	370	218	13,549 Total
Litigation	640	6	902	7	9	5	1		/2,258 Ave.
									1,972 Total
Non-Lit	319	279	755	559	60	0	0		/394 Ave.
Nick									
									19,077
Litigation	250	185	127	781	372	191	224		Total/3,179
	0	5	3	0	4	5	9		Ave.
Non-Lit	0	0	0	380	0	0	0		380/380
Leah <b>(b) (6)</b>									
									14,103
Litigation	161	373	230	580					Total/2,350
	7	5	7	7	167	470	488		Ave.
									9,265
Non-Lit	978	607	876	152	313	351	386		Total/1,544
					4	8	2		Ave.
Justin									
									12,237 Total
Litigation	0	0	0	261	324	420	216		/3,059 Ave.
				7	6	9	5		

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	Non-Lit	382 9	283 4	418 6	256 3	124 0	287	0	14,939 Total /2,489 Ave.
Jason									
	Litigation						0	0	0/0
	Non-Lit						126 5	252 6	1,265/1,265
Clarice (mostly secondary review)									
	Litigation	400	300	400	400	400	400	300	2,300 Total /383 Ave.
	Non-Lit	500	400	400	400	400	400	500	2,500 Total /416 Ave.

DRAFT

# **Attachment 2**

**To:** [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov  
**Cc:** Magallanes, Downey[downey\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov]; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov; Mashburn, Lori[lori\_mashburn@ios.doi.gov]; Daniel  
Jorjani[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[Heather\_Swift@ios.doi.gov]  
**From:** Laura Rigas  
**Sent:** 2018-04-13T12:37:50-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: LITIGATION RECORDS (17-cv-01779 (WVP v. DOI)) - Augmented Awareness Review  
**Received:** 2018-04-13T12:37:58-04:00

Thanks, [REDACTED]. I'm ok if Downey is. Looping in Heather in case there's more back and forth before I return on Tue.

Laura Keehner Rigas  
Communications Director  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
(202) 897-7022 cell  
@Interior

On Apr 13, 2018, at 11:47 AM, [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,

(b) (5)

Let me know if you have further questions or would like further explanation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Attorney-Advisor, Branch of General Legal Services  
Division of General Law, Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
(202) 513-0512  
(202) 208-6475 (Fax)

On Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 10:34 AM, Laura Rigas <laura\_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

(b) (5)

Laura Keehner Rigas

Communications Director  
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@Interior

On Apr 12, 2018, at 5:05 PM, Magallanes, Downey <[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

It is not sufficient. You need sign off from Laura and I. Thanks.

On Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 1:54 PM, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Lori,  
I very much appreciate your comments and time. I concur with all  
of your comments and have applied them to the records. [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

Can you confirm that this completes your review?

Downey, Laura, and Dan,

Should OS FOIA expect comments from each of you or will Lori's review  
confirmation be sufficient to move this request out of the  
Augmented Awareness Review phase?

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

On Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 9:01 AM, [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov>  
wrote:

Lori,

Thanks you for your comments.

[REDACTED]

Please touch base with me this morning so we can address Lori's concerns  
together and provide a single response to her questions.

If there are any other concerns or questions, please call or email.

Thanks,

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Attorney-Advisor, Branch of General Legal Services  
Division of General Law, Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
(202) 513-0512  
(202) 208-6475 (Fax)

On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 7:03 PM, Mashburn, Lori <[lori\\_mashburn@ios.doi.gov](mailto:lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

Thank you ████████ for providing an opportunity to review. I have a few questions/concerns about some of the documents included. Please see below.

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

I would be happy to chat with you about these tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Lori

Lori K. Mashburn  
White House Liaison & Senior Advisor to the Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
202.208.1694

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 1:53 PM, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,  
For your review, please find the attached 487 pages of responsive material that are involved in the above-captioned litigation. Lori Mashburn is the records custodian of this material.

**Please provide confirmation that you have received and reviewed these records.** They are scheduled to be produced this Friday, April 13, 2018. We will be unable to meet that deadline unless we have received a confirmation from each recipient of this message.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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Washington, D.C. 20240

[REDACTED]  
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Downey Magallanes  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
[downey\\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)  
202 706 9199

# **Attachment 3**

**To:** [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]ios.doi.gov]; [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov]; [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov]  
**From:** Magallanes, Downey  
**Sent:** 2018-06-11T14:49:23-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: 72 Hour Awareness Notice (Monuments)  
**Received:** 2018-06-11T14:49:31-04:00

Are there documents that have been pulled based on other political review?

On Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 1:21 PM, [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

[REDACTED] informed us that we have a supplemental awareness policy for any materials involving the Secretary or COS and that affirmative response is required. The records I sent last week have a litigation deadline of 6/15, so based on the new guidance, we do need a response from you in the next day or so. Any questions should be directed to [REDACTED] in SOL.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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Office of the Secretary, FOIA Office  
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Washington, D.C. 20240

[REDACTED]  
202.208.2047 - direct line  
202.513.0765 - phone  
202.219.2374 - fax

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**From:** [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 3:18 PM  
**Subject:** 72 Hour Awareness Notice (Monuments)  
**To:** Downey Magallanes <downey\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Timothy Williams <timothy\_williams@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Kaster <amanda\_kaster@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah\_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, Douglas Domenech <douglas\_domenech@ios.doi.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kbenedetto@blm.gov>, James Cason <james\_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott\_hommel@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]sol.doi.gov>, [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov>, Daniel Jorjani <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov>, John Bockmier <john\_bockmier@ios.doi.gov>

Good afternoon,

Pursuant to the May 24, 2018 memo on awareness review, I am sending this email for 72 hour awareness notice. I am providing the attached 1685 pages of records concerning the National Monuments Review process. These are involved in active litigation and need to be produced by June 15,

# **Attachment 4**

**To:** Downey Magallanes[downey\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov]; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]ios.doi.gov]; [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov]  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 2018-06-19T12:50:01-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: 1:18-cv-00387/ OS-2018-00089 and OS-2018-00145 Litigation Awareness Review  
**Received:** 2018-06-19T12:50:47-04:00

Hi Downey,

I believe this package falls within the updated guidance that requires your affirmation before release due to its having references to the Secretary. BOEM has cleared the release in full of '18-00089cb' and no comments have been received within the 72 hour time frame concerning the contents of '18-00145ca'. Because this release would close out a lawsuit and its two underlying requests, expediency may be warranted to avoid additional attorney fees.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 3:39 PM, [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone,

OS is preparing a final release of documents for a lawsuit involving two Freedom of Information Act requests. I have attached copies of the underlying requests, proposed cover letter, and copies of the proposed release.

Document '18 00089cb' has undergone consultation with BOEM and BOEM has authorized its release in full.

OS is intending to furnish the attached versions of the responsive materials to Plaintiff no later than COB June 18, 2018. Please provide any comments before then.

Rachel Spector of SOL has concurred with OS' findings. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
(202) 513-0806 - phone

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[REDACTED]

# **Attachment 5**

# Conversation Contents

Friday

" [REDACTED] @sol.doi.gov>

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**From:** [REDACTED] @sol.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Nov 09 2018 07:51:44 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Hubbel Relat <hubbel\_relat@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Friday

Hi Hubbel:

May I please get your concurrence on the issue below? One component of a FOIA request we are processing right now asks for the records of any other FOIA requests on the same topic - not the actual prior productions but the cover letters that identify the requesters. I think we can make that release without conducting an AR. Do you agree?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Division of General Law  
Office of the Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
(202) 208-6029

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 9:44 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Friday  
**To:** [REDACTED] @sol.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @ios.doi.gov>

It doesn't sound like it would require AR per [REDACTED]'s memo. However, we have been under verbal orders to send everything to Heather Swift, John Bockmier and Hubbel Relat. Hubbel recently told me that some responses don't need to be sent through this, but we never received clear verbal or written guidance on what is expected to go through this additional awareness.

[REDACTED]

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# **Attachment 6**

## Conversation Contents

**Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review**

**Attachments:**

/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.1 4\_NEW DEADLINE\_ WH 30 Day Policy Outlook.pdf  
/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.2 00224cb.pdf  
/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.3 5\_Department of the Interior Releases Energy Burdens...pdf  
/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.4 2\_Re\_ DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-16-18.pdf  
/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.5 3\_Fwd\_ DOI 30 Day.pdf  
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/43. Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review/1.12 18-00224aa.pdf

**"Relat, Hubbel" <hubbel\_rel@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** "Relat, Hubbel" <hubbel\_rel@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 13 2019 11:42:20 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review 4\_NEW DEADLINE\_ WH 30 Day Policy Outlook.pdf 00224cb.pdf 5\_Department of the Interior Releases Energy Burdens...pdf 2\_Re\_ DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-16-18.pdf 3\_Fwd\_ DOI 30 Day.pdf 1.1 DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-2-18.pdf 1.1 DS statement reg reform efforts draft 11.24.pdf 1.1 DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-16-18.pdf 1.1 DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-9-18 (1).pdf 2.1 DOI Cabinet 30 Day Report 1-12-18 update from PMB.pdf 00224ca.pdf 18-00224aa.pdf

**Attachments:**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 5:06 PM  
**Subject:** WildEarth Guardians v. DOI | 18-00224 | Awareness Review

To: Hubbel Relat <[hubbel\\_relat@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hubbel_relat@ios.doi.gov)>, Heather Swift <[heather\\_swift@ios.doi.gov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)>, John Bockmier <[john\\_bockmier@ios.doi.gov](mailto:john_bockmier@ios.doi.gov)>  
CC: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@sol.doi.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov)>, [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ios.doi.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov)>

Pursuant to the awareness review instructions Mr. Relat recently verbally provided to FOIA officer, [REDACTED], please find attached responsive documents with proposed redactions in the above-referenced FOIA litigation. I have also attached the original FOIA request for your review.

We expect to release these documents by close of business on Friday, February 15, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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# **Attachment 7**

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@usgs.gov>

Date: Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 8:53 AM

Subject: USGS FOIA Request 2018-00114 – Request DOI Awareness Review with Senior Officials (Final Response)

To: [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>, Andrea Travnicek <andrea\_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>, Heather Swift <heather\_swift@ios.doi.gov>, James Cason <james\_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Katharine MacGregor <katharine\_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>, [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Newell <russell\_newell@ios.doi.gov>, Daniel Jorjani <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov>, Casey Hammond <casey\_hammond@ios.doi.gov>, James Schindler <james.schindler@boem.gov>, <landon\_davis@ios.doi.gov>, Todd Willens <todd\_willens@ios.doi.gov>, <scott\_angelle@ios.doi.gov>, [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>, Stephen Wackowski <stephen\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>, <joshua.campbell@sol.doi.gov>, <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>, William Dove <william\_dove@ios.doi.gov>, <downey\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila\_getto@ios.doi.gov>, Todd Wynn <todd\_wynn@ios.doi.gov>, Alex Hinson <alex\_hinson@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]@usgs.gov>, [REDACTED]@usgs.gov>, [REDACTED]@usgs.gov>, [REDACTED]@usgs.gov>, [REDACTED]@sol.doi.gov>, [REDACTED]@usgs.gov>

Good Morning Mr. Rees, and others:

Hope everyone is doing well this morning. I'm writing to coordinate a DOI Senior Official FOIA Awareness (72-hour) Review of the attached record responsive to USGS FOIA request 2018-00114, submitted by the Western Values Project (request attached). We are coordinating this review because you have either been named in the records, received email from or sent emails to USGS individuals. The records associated with this Request for Awareness Review constitute our Final Response associated with Mr. Murry Hitzman's resignation and Mr. Larry Meinert's retirement. Please see below for the corresponding PDF pages numbers in the records.

We redacted personally identifiable information (PII) under FOIA Exemption 6 and plan to release the remaining portions of the emails unredacted. We have already coordinated a legal review with [REDACTED] (Cc'd) in the Office of the Solicitor, Division of General Law.

The portions of the records that pertains to you are listed with your name below, (highlighted in purple within the records):

**2018-00114 – Combined Collection** (92 pages)

Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt: pages 7, 18, 25

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Andrea Travnicek: pages 1-2; 5-6; 8; 11-12 (duplicates in 2018-00092, previously reviewed and released); 13-14 (duplicates in 2018-00092, previously reviewed and released); 16; 18; 24-25; 28; 38-39; 43-46; 48; 80 (duplicates in 2018-00092, previously reviewed and released); 82; 84

Press Secretary Heather Swift: pages 16, 24, 30, 43, 44-46, 48, 84

Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason: pages 18, 28

Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Katharine MacGregor: pages 18, 20-21

Chief of Staff for W&S [REDACTED] pages 20-21, 25

Deputy Director of Communications Russell Newell: pages 16, 43-46, 48

Principal Deputy Solicitor of SOL Daniel Jorjani: pages 20-21

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Land and Minerals Management Casey Hammond: pages 20-21

Advisor of BOEM James Schindler: pages 20-21

Advisor or OSMRE Landon Davis: pages 20-21

Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens: pages 20-21, 25

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Director Scott Angelle: pages 20-21

Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Advisor [REDACTED] pages 20-21

Senior Advisor for Alaskan Affairs Stephen Wackowski: pages 20-21

Advisor of SOL Joshua Campbell: pages 20-21

Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor [REDACTED] pages 20-21

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Land and Mineral Management William Dove: pages 20-21

Senior Advisor and Counselor to the Secretary Downey Magallanes: pages 20-21, 28

Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance Leila Getto: page 28

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director Todd Wynn: page 28

Deputy Press Secretary Alex Hinson: pages 38-39, 41

According to the DOI Awareness Process, please provide your response, or a reasonable request for additional time, by Noon Eastern Time on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, or your silence will be taken as an affirmation you have concluded your review (page 2 of the DOI [guidance](#)).

Feel free to call [REDACTED] or I, if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this request with us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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**2 attachments**

 **2018-00114 - Initial FOIA Request-Letter.pdf**  
307K

 **2018-00114 - FOIA Request Clarification.pdf**  
65K

# **Attachment 8**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Relat, Hubbel](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Lacey Smethers](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** USGS FOIA 2018-00114: Awareness Review Complete  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:31:01 AM

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You're welcome! We'll pull out pages 20-23 as Non-Responsive and proceed with our release/closing the request. Have a great week Hubbel.

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Good Morning [REDACTED]

FYI....

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

On Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 8:29 AM Relat, Hubbel <[hubbel\\_relat@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hubbel_relat@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks for the follow up and clarification on both pages [REDACTED]

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 4:03 PM Relat, Hubbel <[hubbel\\_relat@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hubbel_relat@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Sorry that I missed you. I caught up with [REDACTED] in the meantime and talked through my questions. Can we discuss on Monday to finalize? Deliberative material on pgs 7 and 35. Thanks! Have a great weekend!

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 7:49 AM [REDACTED] wrote:  
Thank you Hubbel, standing by. I'm working on some management issues at the moment, I'll be available around 9:30-10 AM. I'm signing out today at 2:30 PM Eastern.

[REDACTED]  
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On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 7:38 AM Relat, Hubbel <[hubbel\\_relat@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hubbel_relat@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:



I am planning to reach out to you today on this to finish it up. Thanks for the email. Standby please.

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 7:04 AM  wrote:

Good Morning Hubbel,

Have you had a chance to review my scope/responsiveness analysis for USGS FOIA request, 2018-00114? If not, when do you anticipate that we should be able to close this request? If you have reviewed the information that I provided, are we cleared to close this request?

Thank you for your time.

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Good Morning 

Does the three workday timeline apply in the Awareness Review process when we are working through matters with a PAS, NC-SES, Schedule C employee or does the timeline change and we need to wait for an affirmative response from the individual(s)? If we need to wait for an affirmative response, can the Department add this additional guidance to the Awareness Policy for clarity?

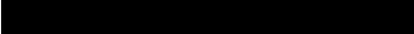
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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On Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 8:03 AM  wrote:

Great, thank you Hubbel.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 8:01 AM Relat, Hubbel <[hubbel\\_relat@ios.doi.gov](mailto:hubbel_relat@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for the follow up and further clarification [REDACTED] I will get back to you with any further feedback after taking this new info into account and do believe the end of the week is doable.

Hubbel

On Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 3:26 PM [REDACTED] wrote:  
Good Afternoon Hubbel,

Hope that you are doing well today. I sent my scope analysis and an explanation about the responsiveness of the records to [REDACTED] on 2/20/19. I spoke with [REDACTED] on 2/27/19 and she suggested that I prepare a spreadsheet (attached) listing the scope of the request and the breakdown of pages that respond to the request. I think that the 89 pages of the records respond to the second portion of the original request and the clarification that we received on 4/17/18. I do not believe that pages 20-23 are responsive and we can remove them.

I'm sharing the email that I sent to [REDACTED] for your reference because I provided hyperlinks to published articles on this matter and the relevant request documents. Hopefully the attached spreadsheet provides the explanation that you need to clear the Awareness Review step and so that we can release the records and close the request. As I stated in my email to [REDACTED] I'll ensure that the Awareness Review packages capture all relevant scope information prior to sending it forward, I'm sorry for not sending forward a complete package and for causing confusion and this delay.

If possible, I'd like to respond and close the request by the end of the week. Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to call my work cell if you would like to discuss further.

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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

FYI. I didn't hear back from you regarding who I should send this to (you or Hubbel), so I'm sending to both to hopefully move this request along.

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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

FYI....

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 2:10 PM  
Subject: USGS FOIA 2018-00114: [REDACTED] Scope Analysis, Explanation of Responsiveness of Records  
To: [REDACTED] [@ios.doi.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov)>

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Hopefully the attached provides the background and analysis that you requested, I've also attached the records with electronic sticky notes explaining the responsiveness on each email. I read through all of the emails between my staff and Mr. Chris Saeger, Western Values Project, and identified the Clarifications and Amendments that he provided to us. I think that the records meet the clarification that he provided to us on April 17, 2018 (see highlighted text in the attached). Therefore, after reviewing the emails between Mr. Saeger and my staff, I think that the attached records do respond to 2018-00114. Additionally, I think that we have met the Rule of 3 for some of the records because the records are also responsive to USGS and possibly OS requests. Finally, the most of the records respond to USGS-2018-00070, [REDACTED] (LA Times) request. If the determination is made that the records do not respond to 2018-00114, then I think that we can release them to [REDACTED] and provide copies to the other requester's who are listed in the attachment. I understand that our omission of the clarifications and amendment led may have caused confusion about the responsiveness at the Department-level, I accept responsibility for not providing the attached emails. We'll ensure that we provide an accurate background of a request's

scope in future Awareness Review packages. Additionally, I will ensure that we clean up our clarifications/amendments in the future to capture the nature of the clarification/amendment into one document (preferably one email).

I think that the entire circumstances around the resignation of Murray Hitzman, the retirement of Larry Meinert, and the nature of the critical minerals assessments meet the exception listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2)(D)(ii)(I), listed below:

**(ii)(I) that because of the nature of their subject matter, the agency determines have become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records;**

The attached document lists the 10 requests that we've already received and processed into the matter, this request, and the two OS FOIA requests that they have. This matter was a contentious issue that led to published articles news outlets, here is a sampling that I found just by searching for "Murray Hitzman resignation" in Google:

Science: <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/02/departures-usgs-scientists-highlight-trump-era-tensions-surrounding-data>

The Hill: <https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/374917-interior-dept-scientist-resigns-over-fears-of-lacking-scientific>

MotherJones: <https://www.motherjones.com/environment/2018/02/usgs-interior-zinke-alaska/>

Washington Post: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/02/21/two-scientists-have-left-the-interior-department-after-zinke-demanded-confidential-energy-data/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.4421e8f3a5fb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/02/21/two-scientists-have-left-the-interior-department-after-zinke-demanded-confidential-energy-data/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.4421e8f3a5fb)

Murray's resignation letter available on-line: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4380759-Hitzman-Letter-redacted2.html>

Earth & Space News: <https://eos.org/articles/senior-usgs-official-quits-over-request-for-advance-alaska-data>

Feel free to call me on my work cell if you would like to discuss this request or my analysis with me further. I don't know where I'll work tomorrow, either home or the office, it will depend on how much freezing rain we receive this afternoon or this evening. Hopefully we can resolve this request by end of this week or the middle of next week.

Thank you for your time.

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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

FYI.....

Sincerely,

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# **Attachment 9**



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# Fwd: Energy Liaisons Group engagement

1 message

Hitzman, Murray <mhitzman@usgs.gov>  
To: [Redacted]@usgs.gov>

Fri, May 11, 2018 at 12:38 PM

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From: Hitzman, Murray <mhitzman@usgs.gov>  
Date: Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 12:12 PM  
Subject: Re: Energy Liaisons Group engagement  
To: Katharine MacGregor <katharine\_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>



although I cannot do Wednesday, I could do Friday

On Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 12:11 PM, Katharine MacGregor <katharine\_macgregor@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
I can do next Wednesday or Friday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2017, at 12:00 PM, [Redacted]@blm.gov> wrote:

Next Wednesday 1:30 is open for me.

Thanks!

'Serenity Now!' – Frank Costanza, *Seinfeld*, 1997

'Serenity now, insanity later' – Lloyd Braun, *Seinfeld*, 1997

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Acting Assistant Director,

Energy, Minerals & Realty Management, WO-300

DOI-Bureau of Land Management

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From: [redacted]@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:57 AM

[Large redacted block]

Subject: Re: Energy Liaisons Group engagement

Good Morning,

Mr. DeVito will be available next week as follows:

Wednesday, December 20

- 11AM

- 1:30PM

Please let me know if you are available for either time or are able to dial-in.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 5:20 PM, Devito, Vincent <vincent\_devito@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I hope this note finds you all very well. Since we last communicated, the Department recently released its Energy Burdens Report ("Report"), which provides a full analysis of burdens in place that unnecessarily hinder production on federal lands. Along with the Report, the Secretary announced the Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting (the "ECEP") which was the most recent initiative about which this group was communicating.

The break between our convening was based upon the ECEP being announced and launched as this group will be supporting the ECEP. So, I apologize for the communication gap; and, thank you for your patience. Very recently, the ECEP, which will give attention to a wide-range of permitting improvement initiatives, had its initial meeting and I would like for us to converge again so I can bring you up to date and share some initial ideas for collective discussion.

Gisella (copied) will be inviting you all to a meeting next week (along with a conference line) so that we can pick-up on our work. Thank you for the work we have done together so far. The ECEP is the product of this group; so, I am excited to continue our work together.

Best,

Vincent

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