

Re: Response to OSMRE-2019-00128

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on behalf of
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Mon 2/10/2020 1:04 PM

To: FOIA <foia@americanoversight.org>
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Dear Ms. Monahan and Mr. Pintado:

Your request was received in the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement ("OSMRE") FOIA office for processing and assigned control number **OSMRE-2019-00128**.

Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We are writing to respond to your request. After a search of our files, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement did not locate records responsive to your request.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 30 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
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Office of Government Information Services Mediation

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of 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.

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
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Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

If you have any questions regarding our response to your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Dele Awoniyi

Dele Awoniyi | FOIA Officer

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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On Wed, Jul 17, 2019 at 3:56 PM American Oversight FOIA <foia@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear FOIA Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,

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