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Re: FOIA No. EPA-HQ-2020-001702, Interim Response

Dear Mr. Evers:

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency). This correspondence serves in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on December 12, 2019, seeking copies of the following:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, and calendar invitations) between former Deputy General Counsel Marcella Burke and American Petroleum Institute's Senior Policy Advisor Holly Hopkins (hopkinsh@api.org) and Senior Director Carrie Domnitch (domnitchc@api.org), from November 1, 2018 to March 30, 2019;
2. Any handwritten or electronic notes, including handouts provided in person or via email, or summaries or readouts of the meeting, from the calendar entry entitled "CALL: BSEE/DOI Final Revisions to the Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule (1014-AA39)" held on February 26, 2019 from 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM.

I. Interim Response

Despite our efforts, documents responsive to Item 1, of your request were not identified. Should you wish to appeal based on the adequacy of the search conducted, you will have the opportunity to do so. We will provide you with appeal rights at the time of the final production.

Next Steps

EPA continues to search for documents responsive to Item 2, of your request. We will provide you with an update, on or about April 23, 2020.

In the event that you require further assistance, you may contact Sheena Spears at spears.rasheena@epa.gov, citing your FOIA request number.

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769

Sincerely,

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