

FOIA # 04-0009
Mail system Logs

Their use:

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Time Frame Covered:

The months indicated in the logs, all in the year 2003.

Limiting Factors:

1. Log files are used only for trouble shooting and system management work. We do not keep them for extended periods of time. Therefore, we do not have history beyond the months recovered in CY-2003.
2. The fields that indicate message identification are re-used by the system so they can not be assumed to be unique. However the dates, times and the "to=" and "from=" are accurate.
3. There are no headers for the fields in the records.

The logs have been converted from Command and Space delimited text files to Excel spreadsheet format and in all but one a new column (A) has been added to allow for the inclusion of a numeric Month field. This is used for sorting purposes only. One of the files contained only one month's data and did not require this field.

Description:

The records are not fixed length. The length depends upon the amount of data that was passed through the system.

The key fields are A through D, which give the date and time information, and field K and beyond, where you will see either "to" or "from" information. Field K tells either who a message was mailed to or who it was mailed from. Across the sheet from this point there may be more e-mail addresses listed as recipients of a specific message.

Fields H and J may be helpful in verifying a match between messages, however these are system generated fields that are used by the system at a point in time, and may be re-used, so are not a solid determination that messages are the same one. They must be used in conjunction with the date and time fields.

You will note that there are e-mails addressed to Judy Johansen in the logs. This is a result of someone outside BPA having her old BPA address in their distribution list. These messages are dropped since she no longer has an address on our e-mail system. The system captures and logs this information because it happens regardless of mail delivery.

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