



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

November 13, 2023

In reply refer to: FOIA BPA-2024-00177-F

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO: (b) (6)

Colin Aamot

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Dear Mr. Aamot,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). The agency received your request on November 6, 2023, and assigned tracking number BPA-2024-00177-F to your request. Please use that tracking number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request. This communication is the agency's formal acknowledgment and response to your information request.

Request

"Documents sufficient to account for any documents, records, or inventories pertaining to Sensitive Case Reports (SCRs), or analogous document inventories, which encompass comprehensive details concerning subjects, keywords, or areas of sensitivity pertaining to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests, thereby facilitating the monitoring of FOIA or MDR requests that may be deemed sensitive or prone to garner media or congressional scrutiny."

Acknowledgement

BPA reviewed your request and determined that it fulfills all criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Response

The agency's program lead from the FOIA Office and information security specialist from the Personnel and Information Security Office searched agency records and found no records responsive to your request. BPA does not have a system or program to identify FOIA requests as sensitive or likely to result in media or congressional scrutiny. Further, BPA does not perform Mandatory Declassification Reviews.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7, I am the individual responsible for the records search and information release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2024-00177-F is now closed, with no agency records available to provide.

Appeal

Note that the records release certified above is final. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, you may appeal the adequacy of the records search, and the completeness of this final records release, within 90 calendar days from the date of this communication. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: 202-741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to James King, FOIA Public Liaison, at jjking@bpa.gov or 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,

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