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SUBJECT: 4-20-15 FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Munro:

In section 3(a) of its “*(Level 1) Root Cause Analysis*” dated March 23, 2015, BPA describes three “tools” it used as part the RCA: a “generic timeline”; an “organizational and programmatic analysis” and a set of “Why analyses.”

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), I hereby request a copy of the timeline, the organizational and programmatic analysis and each of the Why analyses.

I make these requests in my capacity as a member of the media, to wit, Senior Editor of Energy NewsData. Disclosure of this information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of myself, Energy NewsData or its publisher.

The subject of this request is the tools used in the RCA. Disclosure will enable the public to learn what materials informed the RCA, which in turn was an effort to understand why BPA lost its hiring authorities in 2013. These events led directly or indirectly to serious consequences at BPA, including the removal of its top management, a costly hiring reconstruction are remediation process, chronic understaffing that BPA’s Deputy Administrator has publicly described as a “significant risk” to the agency, litigation and much more.

The public has a right to know the details of how these events came about, particularly to the degree that the agency itself undertook an effort to isolate the root causes.

Therefore I request that any and all fees in connection with this request be waived.

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