

United States Department of the Interior OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240



IN REPLY REFER TO: 7202.4-DOI-OS-2021-003335

May 13, 2021

Via email: ncornettlaw@gmail.com

Eric N. Cornett P.O. Box 728 Hyden, KY 41749

Dear Mr. Cornett:

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 26, 2021, on March 26, 2021 and assigned it control number **DOI-OS-2021-003335**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

- Calendar Invitations: all calendar and/or meeting invitations sent to or from (including copying) Andrew\_Wallace@ios.doi.gov, Morgan\_Gray@ios.doi.gov, Paniz\_Rezaeerod@ios.doi.gov dated January 21, 2021 through the date you process this request, inclusive; and
- Microsoft Teams: all logs of Microsoft Teams meetings sent to or from (including copying) Andrew\_Wallace@ios.doi.gov, Morgan\_Gray@ios.doi.gov, Paniz\_Rezaeerod@ios.doi.gov and involving one or more participants with a non-@ios.doi.gov address dated January 21, 2021 through the date you process this request, inclusive.

## **Processing Track**

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that would generally take one to five workdays to process. The Normal track is for requests that would generally take six to twenty workdays to process. The Complex track is for requests that would generally take twenty-one to sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Your request falls into the Simple processing track. See <u>43 C.F.R. §§ 2.14, .15</u>

## **Response Outside the Time Limits**

As yet, we have been unable to make a determination on your request. We apologize for this delay. You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a different track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request and having it processed more quickly).

You also may agree to an alternative time period for processing by communicating with us, our FOIA Requester Center, or the FOIA Public Liaison. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Requester Centers and FOIA Public Liaison is available at *https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters*. You may also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). If you choose to contact OGIS, you may do so in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 E-mail: <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> Web: <u>https://ogis.archives.gov</u> Telephone: 202-741-5770 Fax: 202-741-5769 Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You may also file an appeal with the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer regarding this delay. If you choose to appeal this delay, you may do so anytime between now and the date we make our determination on the FOIA request. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

<u>Your appeal must be made in writing</u>. 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 also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary 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.

Mr. Eric N. Cornett

## 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 Fax: (202) 208-6677 Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* <u>5 U.S.C. 552(c)</u>. 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.

We regret the delay and appreciate your consideration. For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at <u>43 C.F.R. Part</u> <u>2, Subpart H.</u> If you have any questions, you may contact us by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at <u>os\_foia@ios.doi.gov</u>, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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

Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at *https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters*.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Sweeney Office of the Secretary FOIA Office