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From: Simpson, Tal

Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:52 AM

To: 'Peterson, Samuel'

Cc: 'Wooden-Aguilar, Helena'; 'Stein, Jonathan'

Subject: RE: EPA-HQ-2015-004930-FOIA

Mr. Peterson:

Do you have any updates on this FOIA request?

Thank you, Tal Simpson

From: Simpson, Tal

Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 4:30 PM

To: 'Peterson, Samuel'

Cc: 'Wooden-Aguilar, Helena'; 'Stein, Jonathan' **Subject:** RE: EPA-HQ-2015-004930-FOIA

Thank you Mr. Peterson.

Whenever your office can provide an estimated timeline for EPA's response to the FOIA request, that would be appreciated as well, as we are now approaching 3 months since the date your office received the request from the Administrator's Office (March 9). While I do understand and appreciate the fact that EPA has many other things to do besides answering FOIA requests, the twenty-working-day mark was approximately April 9th, and I did not even get an acknowledgment of receipt until two weeks after that. Any info you can provide about volume of documents or an estimated response time would thus be appreciated.

Thanks, Tal



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Good afternoon Mr. Simpson,

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Unfortunately I was not able to directly answer your call earlier. Nonetheless I would like to inform you that I have been in touch with the General Counsel's Office. They have received your FOIA request and are currently working in it to define the scope of the request and your eligibility to receive unredacted documents from an open investigation.

OCR hopes to resolve this issue shortly. Your continued cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Thank you.

Regards,

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