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October 16, 2015

Mr. Robert Galbraith
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RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST – Methane Research for EDF and Possible Flaws
with Bacharach High Flow Sampler

Dear Mr. Galbraith:

This is a follow-up to your Open Records Request received via e-mail on August 4, 2015. You requested that The University of Texas at Austin provide you with the following records:

- 1. Any and all written or electronic communications to and from Dr. David T Allen regarding his methane research for EDF and possible flaws with the Bacharach Hi Flow Sampler used to collect data for that research.*

This office advised that any public documents not subject to review by the Attorney General's Office would be made available for release under separate cover. This is to notify you pursuant to §552.2615 of the Texas Public Information Act, *Government Code*, that a preliminary set of documents is available for release until **Friday, October 30, 2015**. The assembled records only include those public communications not subject to the pending AG Letter Ruling.

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Pursuant to §552.2615 of the Act, your Open Records Request will be automatically withdrawn if you do not respond in writing to the itemized statement and/or any updated itemized statement by informing this office within the next 10 business days after the date the statement is sent that: you accept the charges; you are modifying your request in response to the itemized statement; or that you have notified this office in writing that you have sent to the Attorney General's Office a complaint alleging that you have been overcharged for being provided with a copy of the public information. As the requestor, you must provide the University with a mailing, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail address to receive the itemized statement and that it is your choice which type of address to provide.

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As for any remaining documents, pursuant to §552.306 of the Act, the Attorney General "shall promptly render a decision not later than the 45th working day after the date the AG receives the request for a decision." You may contact Ms. Annela Lopez directly at (512) 471-8300 if you have any questions in the interim.

Sincerely,



Margo Iwanski
Assistant to the Vice President

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Enclosure



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Description of Information: Methan Research for EDB and Possible Flaws with Bacharach High Flow Sampler
(Public Documents: Written or Electronic Communications to/from Dr. David T. Allen)

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