

EXHIBIT 9

From: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 10:12 AM
To: Burton, Luke
Cc: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

Hi Mr. Burton,

Thank you for the follow-up message. I am checking on the status of your request and will get back with you by tomorrow with an anticipated completion date.

Kimberlee

From: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Department of Labor. Do not click (select) links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report suspicious emails through the "Report Phishing" button on your email toolbar.

Kimberlee – following up again on this. Please let me know the status and when I can expect a response. DOL/MSHA’s FOIA response is well past due.

Best,

Luke



Luke Burton
Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

T +1 513 361 1274
O +1 513 361 1200
F +1 513 361 1201
M +1 513 906 0077

luke.burton@squirepb.com | squirepattonboggs.com

Find Us: [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

From: Burton, Luke
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 9:25 AM
To: 'Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA' <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

Kimberlee,

I hope your week is going well. I wanted to follow-up on our conversation from last week to see what updates you have for me regarding my FOIA request.

Thank you,

Luke



Luke Burton

Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

T +1 513 361 1274
O +1 513 361 1200
F +1 513 361 1201
M +1 513 906 0077

luke.burton@squirepb.com | squirepattonboggs.com

Find Us: [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

From: Burton, Luke
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:40 PM
To: 'Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA' <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

No worries! 4pm will work fine.



Luke Burton

Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

T +1 513 361 1274
O +1 513 361 1200
F +1 513 361 1201
M +1 513 906 0077

luke.burton@squirepb.com | squirepattonboggs.com

Find Us: [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

From: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>
Cc: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

Hi Mr. Burton,

I apologize for the delay, are you available for me to call you at 4pm today?

Kimberlee

From: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:38 PM
To: Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov>

Cc: Williams, Meekness S - MSHA <williams.meekness@dol.gov>; Thacker, Casey E. - MSHA <Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV>

Subject: Re: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Department of Labor. Do not click (select) links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report suspicious emails through the "Report Phishing" button on your email toolbar.

Yes. That time works great. Thanks so much and look forward to talking to you then.

Luke Burton

On Mar 14, 2024, at 5:11 PM, Proctor, Kimberlee A - MSHA <Proctor.Kimberlee@dol.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Burton,

Thank you for following up on the status of your FOIA request. Yesterday, Ms. Washington left a voice message for you on (513-361-1274) for us to talk with you briefly regarding the request.

If you are available tomorrow (Friday, March 15, 2024) at 3:30pm, Ms. Washington and I would like to touch base with you. If that time does not work, please let me know some available dates and times and I will send a meeting request for a call.

Thank you,

Kimberlee

From: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:57 AM

To: Williams, Meekness S - MSHA <williams.meekness@dol.gov>

Cc: Thacker, Casey E. - MSHA <Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV>

Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

You don't often get email from luke.burton@squirepb.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Department of Labor. Do not click (select) links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report suspicious emails through the "Report Phishing" button on your email toolbar.

Hello,

I wanted to touch base on the status of the below FOIA request. Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Luke

<image001.jpg>

Luke Burton

Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

T +1 513 361 1274
O +1 513 361 1200
F +1 513 361 1201
M +1 513 906 0077

luke.burton@squirepb.com | squirepattonboggs.com

Find Us: [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

From: Williams, Meekness S - MSHA <williams.meekness@dol.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 11:22 AM
To: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>
Cc: Thacker, Casey E. - MSHA <Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV>; Williams, Meekness S - MSHA <williams.meekness@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

Hello Mr. Burton and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your patience, as we work through the multiple FOIA requests received in MSHA Enforcement. We anticipate finalizing the response and completing the clearance process to issue your request by February 29, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact me at williams.meekness@dol.gov or at (202) 693-9485.

Kind regards,

Meekness S. Williams
DOL/MSHA/Mine Safety & Health Enforcement
Government Information Specialist
williams.meekness@dol.gov
Desk Phone-202-693-9485

<image002.jpg>

From: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:24 PM
To: Thacker, Casey E. - MSHA <Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV>
Cc: Williams, Meekness S - MSHA <williams.meekness@dol.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Department of Labor. Do not click (select) links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report suspicious emails through the "Report Phishing" button on your email toolbar.

Hello and Happy New Year,

I wanted to touch base on the status of this response, as I believe the 60-working-day-response estimate has now passed. Happy to discuss by phone (513-906-0077) as well.

Thank you,

Luke

<image001.jpg>

Luke Burton

Senior Associate
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

T +1 513 361 1274
O +1 513 361 1200
F +1 513 361 1201
M +1 513 906 0077

luke.burton@squirepb.com | squirepattonboggs.com

Find Us: [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

From: Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV <Thacker.Casey@DOL.GOV>

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 10:43 AM

To: Burton, Luke <luke.burton@squirepb.com>

Cc: williams.meekness@dol.gov

Subject: [EXT] FOIA-2023-F-13135

Hello,

Attached you will find the acknowledgment letter for your request.

We continue to process your request.

Thank you,

Casey E. Thacker

Over 40 Offices across 4 Continents

This message is confidential and may be legally privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure. If you are not the intended recipient, please telephone or email the sender and delete this message and any attachment from your system; you must not copy or disclose the contents of this message or any attachment to any other person.

For information about how Squire Patton Boggs processes UK and EU personal data that is subject to the requirements of applicable data protection laws, please see our Privacy Notice regarding the processing of UK and EU personal data about clients and other business contacts at www.squirepattonboggs.com.

Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP is part of the international legal practice Squire Patton Boggs, which operates worldwide through a number of separate legal entities. Please visit

www.squirepattonboggs.com for more information.

#US