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Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal, 2016-FEAP-00006

Dear Mr. Wertz:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Information Management Division has completed its review of your appeal of the response by FEMA's Disclosure Branch to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, **FEMA 2016-FEFO-00190**.

Your initial request was referred to our office by DHS on October 29, 2015. In that request, you sought, "any memos, reports, studies, analyses, maps, presentations, correspondence or other records concerning earthquakes near the oil storage facility in Cushing, Oklahoma." The time frame for this request encompassed November 1, 2011 up to and including the date of search, November 2, 2015.

On December 14, 2015, FEMA provided you with the final response to your FOIA request. The final response advised you that a comprehensive search of files was made within FEMA's Region VI and that unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

You filed an appeal dated January 8, 2016, and it was received by this office on February 18, 2016. In that correspondence, you wrote a series of questions that FEMA interprets as constituting an appeal of the search conducted for responsive records.

Upon a complete review of the administrative record, I have determined that an additional search should be conducted. Therefore, I am granting your appeal and remanding your request to FEMA's Disclosure Branch for a search for responsive records within FEMA's Office of Protection and National Preparedness.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please refer to **FEMA 2016-FEAP-00006**.

You may contact this office at (202) 646-3323 or electronically via FEMA-FOIA@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security