

EXHIBIT B

EPA's Final Response to EDF's FOIA Request
(September 27, 2018)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

September 27, 2018

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Benjamin Levitan
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Dear Mr. Levitan:

The Freedom of Information Act request you filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seeking correspondence related to the red team/blue team review of climate science, from January 20, 2017 to when the search was conducted, was designated EPA-HQ-2017-010055 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response. The Office of the Administrator's final response is enclosed.

On June 15, 2018, the EPA directed you to 1,217 pages of documents that were released pursuant to FOIA litigation that are directly responsive to your request. These documents cover the custodians mentioned in your request for the period of January 20, 2017 through January 18, 2018. We received an email from Mr. John Bullock of your organization on July 23, 2018 confirming receipt of these documents. These documents were withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, which protects the deliberative process, and Exemption 6, which protects personal privacy. Please note, you can find these documents by searching FOIAonline for request EPA-HQ-2017-011514. The documents in question are titled "NRDC 2017-011514 Production for release 4," "NRDC 5" and "Part 1 WIF Index."

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 5315, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth White
Director