



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

June 16, 2020

Mr. Taylor S. Amarel  
MuckRock News  
411A Highland Avenue  
DEPT MR 53369  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2018-007491

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 9, 2018, which requested

[A]ll emails sent to, from, or copied to Jahan Wilcox from May 4, 2018 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings "Pruitt"; "Fraud"; "Ethics"; or "Investigation".

Today, we are releasing records to you which contain materials responsive to your request. You may access those records at the following URL:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails?trackingNumber=EPA-HQ-2018-006474&type=request>

Records are being withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), the Deliberative Process Privilege, 552(b)(6) Personal Privacy Information, 552(b)(7)(c) Law Enforcement-Personal Privacy and 552(b)(7)(f) Law Enforcement-Life or Physical Safety of an Individual. The records are exempt from disclosure because they are predecisional and deliberative and would harm agency decision-making if released or contain personal information which would and/or could be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if released or which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this final response with an email to [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), through FOIAonline if you are an account holder or by writing to:

National FOIA Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)

Washington, D.C. 20460

Please note that only correspondence mailed through the U.S. Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 5315, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Your written appeal must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5 p.m. Eastern time will be considered as having been received the next business day. For the quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email or the appeal letter and its envelope 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](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667 or from the Office of Government Information Services. You may contact OGIS with an email to [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by calling (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; with a fax to (202) 741-5769; or by mail to Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8610 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth B. White  
Director