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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: FOIA Response HQ 2024-01160-F
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:16:29 PM

Thank you, Jennifer, for your prompt reply. I really appreciate your offer of help.

The OIG Hotline refuses to provide any information about a complaint investigation other than whether it is closed or open. Once the investigation is closed, it then says, to obtain information on the investigation, one should submit a FOIA request to the DOE FOIA Office. The DOE FOIA Office then bounces the request back to the OIG FOIA Office. We then wait.

I am truly sorry if you (in the OIG FOIA Office) need to coordinate with the separate OIG HotLine Office to understand what is going on. However, you are experiencing your employer's own insane bureaucracy as I have been doing for the last 15 months.

I hope you are able to help me in getting specific responses to the allegations of the original complaint and the subsequent FOIA request for information on the complaint investigation. If you follow the document trail that I have provided, you will find it eye-opening. I suggest you start with Mr. William White, since OIG requested that he respond to the original complaint 14 months ago.

Good Luck. I mean it.

Phil

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Mr. Rutherford,

We apologize for any delay in responding to you. Our office has a backlog, and we are trying to accommodate everyone's request as they come in.

You mentioned issues in your letter that involve both the OIG FOIA Office and the Hotline. We are two separate offices within the OIG and therefore we will need to coordinate with the Hotline to better understand some of the issues you raised pertaining to their process. We will be coordinating our efforts with the Hotline and hope to have a response to you shortly.

Thank you,
Jennifer Bacon

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Dear Mr. Cruz, the DOE OIG FOIA Team, and Others,

This is a friendly reminder that it is six weeks since my email below and attached letter.

I have yet to receive a reply.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Cruz and the DOE OIG FOIA Team,

Please find attached and online my response to the March 26, 2024, letter from Mr. Cruz.

https://philrutherford.com/SSFL/doe_building_demolition/FOIA/2024-03-30_FOIA_HQ_2024-01160-F.pdf

Sincerely,

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Mr. Rutherford,

Please see attached response to your FOIA request HQ-2024-01160-F.

*Please note, among other things your FOIA request asks specifically for “Copy of the email/mail by which complainant was notified that the investigation had been closed.” We do not include emails that originated from or written by the requester in our response, however, if you would still like a copy of that email, please let me know and I will be happy to provide it to you.

Thank you,
DOE OIG FOIA Team

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