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Message sent to DOGE via X

Subject: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the Department of Energy

Mr. Musk and the DOGE Team,

The following letter was sent by email and USPS to Chris Wright, the Secretary of Energy on February 6, 2025. President Trump was on distribution via the White House email portal and USPS.

https://philrutherford.com/SSFL/doe_building_demolition/FOIA/2025-02-06_Letter_to_Chris_Wright.pdf

The letter and associated numerous online links document two years of communications with the Department of Energy, regarding egregious waste, fraud, and abuse. Specifically, the DOE conspired with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to re-define low-level radioactive waste (LLRW), resulting in the disposal of unregulated decommissioned material and clean building debris to a LLRW disposal site, wasting taxpayer dollars.

DOE's Office of Environmental Management and Office of Inspector General were served with a complaint, demonstrating that the shipping records of this waste were falsified by DOE and DOE's contractor.

A subsequent FOIA request was submitted in an effort to obtain the results of DOE's investigation of these complaints. DOE's Office and Inspector General, DOE's Office of Environmental Management, DOE's FOIA Office and the Office of the (former) Secretary, have failed to adequately respond to the complaints and FOIA request, have failed to address the specifics of the complaint, and have failed to dispute the specific allegations. All levels of DOE management have conspired in a coordinated cover-up.

A request to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability was likewise ignored.

Hopefully, the new administration, and new leadership at the DOE, will be more forthcoming than the previous administration.

Sincerely,

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