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Kevin Bogardus
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122 C Street NW, Suite 722
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Number EPA-HQ-2018-000707

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 18, 2017, in which you requested "records of all certifications of qualified trusts; certificates of divestiture; impartiality determinations; notices of disqualification; recusals; screening arrangements; waivers and all other ethics-related records filed by and/or given to Michael Dourson. These documents would likely be prepared under 18 U.S.C. § 207; 18 U.S.C. § 208; 5 C.F.R. Part 2634; 5 C.F.R. Part 2635; and 5 C.F.R. Part 2641 as well as be in the care of the Designated Agency Ethics Official."

The Office of General Counsel has concluded its search for records responsive to your request, and there are no responsive documents.

This letter officially concludes our response to your request. If you would like to appeal this response, you may do so by e-mail at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made 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 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For timely 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 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; e-mail, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; and facsimile, (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact me at (202) 564-1786, or fugh.justina@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justina Fugh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Justina Fugh
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