



OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

June 23, 2026

Kevin Bell

PEER

(via kevin@freeinformationgroup.com)

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request No. **2026-EPA-03349**

Dear Kevin Bell:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act request. This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Freedom of Information Office on **3/5/2026** in which you requested:

1. Records of prompts used, and refinements to previously-used prompts for the AI screening rules⁷ used in risk assessments for the following chemicals, listed by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number:
 - a. 1918-00-9: Dicamba (3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid)
 - b. 50-00-0: formaldehyde
 - c. 13188-82-4: 2-Propenoic acid, (2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl ester
 - d. 151249-82-0: Methanone, 1,1'-(octylphosphinylidene)bis[1-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-
 - e. 195538-52-9: 2-Propenoic acid, 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxan-5-yl ester
 - f. 2489703-47-9: Benzene, 1-methoxy-4-[3-methyl-4-(2-phenylethoxy)-3-buten-1-yl]-
 - g. 288859-91-6: Poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), -(2-methyl-1-oxo-2-propenyl)--(tridecyloxy)-, branched
2. The contents and change history of:
 - a. prompts stored in EPA OCSPP prompt libraries relating to TSCA;
 - b. system prompts;
 - c. AI configuration files and data (including model name and ad-hoc fine tuning/RAG scripts or tools);
 - d. runbooks or prompting guidance for human users of AI tools.
3. Technical guidance memos from the AI Digital Services Consulting Team to OCSPP.
4. Technical consulting reports and read-ahead memos from the AI Digital Services Consulting Team regarding TSCA Systematic Review pilots.
5. Post-Deployment Monitoring records associated with the AI Chemist Assistant, EcoVault, or any other AI tool used in TSCA reviews.

As well as:

1. The full version of and metadata for the 2025 AI Use Case Inventory, as reported to OMB;20
2. All final impact assessments for high-impact AI tools used by EPA in 2025;
3. Any waiver requests discussed by or submit to the Data Governance Advisory Committee AI Subcommittee;
4. Any notices sent to the OMB CAIO that EPA has determined a particular AI use which would be presumptively high-impact will not be considered high-impact;
5. Documentation of EPA's compliance with high-impact AI requirements in OMB Memorandum M-25-21 §4(b);
6. System prompts or instruction tuning documents used to align EPA AI models with the administration's "Unbiased AI Principles;"
7. Any bias evaluation or benchmark scores relating to the bias of any AI used by EPA and the methodology used for evaluating those scores;
8. Any AI Values Alignment Report prepared for any deployed EPA AI system;
9. Any governance tools, such as customizable system instructions additive to a base model's system prompts or content generation filters relating to any AI used by EPA;23 and
10. Internal directives or memoranda regarding development of the Generative AI Rules of Behavior, including timelines for completion, staffing, and the review process to be followed in its development

Disposition

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention has reviewed your request and is reporting no records for portions 1-5

The Office of Finance and Administration has reviewed your request and is responding with the below:

- EPA is releasing the public 2025 AI Use Case Inventory.
- 2025 Final Impact assessments for high-impact EPA AI tools are being withheld under FOIA Exemption 5, the Deliberative Process Privilege
- No records exist for portions 3-10 of the second section of your request.

Records are being withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), the Deliberative Process Privilege. The records are exempt from disclosure because they are predecisional and deliberative and would harm agency decision making if released

You can access the records via FOIAXpress.

Final Appeal Rights and Contact Information

You may appeal this determination in writing within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter by one of the following methods:

1. Visit EPA's FOIA submission website (<https://foiapublicaccessportal.epa.gov/>), sign into your account by clicking Sign-In, and select Submit Appeal;
2. U.S. Mail sent to the following address: National FOIA Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (2310A), Washington, DC 20460; or
3. Overnight delivery service to National FOIA Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania NW, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.

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 on the next business day. The appeal should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or call (202) 566-1667. You may also seek assistance 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, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Matthew Waits of my staff at waits.matthew@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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