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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Jeff Ruch
Executive Director
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
2000 P Street, NW Room 10730
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ruch:

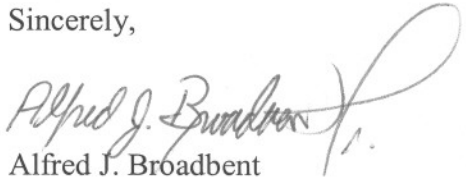
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 13, 2007 (processed under case number CRRIF 07-294), for a summary of all incidents of violence, threats, or harassment against professional observers, including both National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) employees and government contractors that occurred between January 1 and December 31, 2006.

After a search of the records and files maintained by the Office of Security, to include its offices throughout the country which service NOAA personnel, no documents were found that are responsive to your request.

If you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have the right to appeal this response. An appeal must be received within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter by the Assistant General Counsel for Administration (Office), Room 5898-C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Your appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by facsimile (fax) to 202-482-2552. The appeal must include a copy of the original request, this response to the request and a statement of the reason why this response was in error. The submission (including e-mail and fax submissions) is not complete without the required attachments. The appeal letter, the envelope, the e-mail subject line, and the fax cover sheet should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, fax machine, and Office are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, fax machine or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day.

If you have any questions concerning your request, please contact Kate Larned, Office of Security at 202-482-0659.

Sincerely,


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Director for Security