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**INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Via email

Mr. Jeff Ruch  
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility  
2000 P Street, NW Suite 240  
Washington, DC 20036

Re: OIG FOIA # 12-FPA-00015/ FOIA Appeal # 2013-019

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is a partial response to your letter dated July 24, 2012, which was received by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) on July 25, 2012, in which you request information on behalf of Dr. Charles Monnett and Dr. Jeffrey Gleason under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. You ask for a copy of the OIG investigation pertaining to allegations lodged against Drs. Monnett and Gleason. In addition, you ask for all attachments to the OIG report; a copy of the allegation which triggered the investigation; all reports and memoranda of interview documenting contacts with all witnesses or subjects interviewed in the course of the investigation; all support documents, correspondence, including emails, and electronic files obtained by the OIG as part of the investigation; all documents scanned into the electronic case file, including information indicating the date each was prepared, submitted, and or approved; and reports and memorandum prepared by other IG personnel in support of the investigation.

On November 6, 2012, you filed a FOIA Appeal with the Department of the Interior. With regard to item number 1 of your appeal, the investigation is still open. I have begun the review of documents responsive to your request and will provide documents on a rolling basis.

With regard to item number 2 of your appeal, by letter dated January 16, 2013, I provided you with another copy of the ROI with an accurate page count and indications where information was redacted and an explanation of the use of those exemptions.

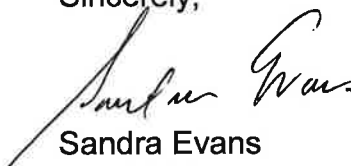
With regard to item number 3 of your appeal, you noted our inaccurate use of exemption 5 to protect the deliberative process of the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's office regarding their reasons for declining prosecution as noted in our report of investigation (ROI). Our office has consulted with the U.S. Attorney's office. We are

now releasing information pertaining to the U.S. Attorney's office reasons for declining prosecution noted in the OIG ROI. Enclosed are two pages from the ROI that contained information previously marked as exempt under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). The other redactions on those pages were explained in my letter dated January 16, 2013.

If you disagree with this response, you may appeal the decision by writing to the FOIA Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556, Washington, D.C. 20240, no later than 30 workdays after the date of the final response. Due to disruptions to the mail service in the Washington, D.C. area, you may want to consider an alternative means of communicating with the Department of the Interior, e.g., facsimile, e-mail, Federal Express, etc. There may be a delay in our receipt of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service. The FOIA Appeal Officer's facsimile number is (202) 208-6677. Your appeal should be filed in accordance with the regulations set out in 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.28-2.32, a copy of which is enclosed.

Please contact me at (703) 487-5436, if you have any questions concerning this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Evans".

Sandra Evans  
OIG FOIA Officer

Enclosures