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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

VIA EMAIL

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Jeff Ruch
PEER
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Re: 12-FOI-00050

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is in response to your letter dated April 10, 2012, which was received by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) on the same date, in which you ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You ask for the following:

1. Any protocols, policies or memoranda of understanding between the OIG and the Interior Scientific Integrity Officer for coordination or delegation of jurisdiction with respect to investigating allegations of scientific misconduct as defined by the Department of Interior (DOI) policy on Integrity of Scientific and Scholarly Activities;
2. Any guidance or other policies developed by the OIG concerning the handling of allegations of scientific misconduct as defined by the DOI policy on Integrity of Scientific and Scholarly Activities; and
3. All communication, including correspondence and email exchanges, between OIG and a member of Congress or congressional staff referencing Dr. Charles Monnett.

In response to items 1 and 2, the OIG conducted a search of its indices and found no documents responsive to your request. Specifically with regard to item number 2, there is a provision in the policy you stated above in which matters regarding waste, fraud and abuse will be referred to the OIG. That is the only policy in place regarding this matter. We have attached the policy with this response for your review.

In response to item 3, a search was conducted and three documents consisting of seven pages were determined to be responsive to your request. All three documents are being released in their entirety.

If you consider this response to be denial of your request, you may file an appeal by writing to the FOIA Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556, MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your appeal must be no later than 30 workdays after the

date of the final response.. The envelope and the letter should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." 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.

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.

However, should you need to contact me, my telephone number is 703-487-5436, and the facsimile number is 703-487-5406.

Sincerely,



Fur Sandra Evans
OIG FOIA Officer

Enclosures (2)