



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
Washington, D.C. 20460

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Cause of Action  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2017-003560

Dear Mr. Mulvey:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request seeking the following records:

1. All records created or received by any EPA employee on Signal 16.
2. All records reflecting any permission, clearance, or approval granted to EPA employees by the agency, Archivist and/or the National Archives and Records Administration for the use of Signal, or other instant messaging applications, for the conduct of official EPA business.
3. All records concerning EPA efforts to retrieve, recover, or retain records created or received by EPA employees on Signal.

The records you requested in Parts 1 and 3 of your request is part of one or more open law enforcement file(s). Exemption (b)(7)(A) exempts from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that the production of such records could reasonably be expected to interfere with ongoing enforcement proceedings.

The Agency has performed a search and has found no records responsive to Part 2 of your request.

You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 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 quickest possible 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](mailto: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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448; and facsimile, 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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