

IN REPLY REFER TO: 7202.4-OS-2016-00018 United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, DC 20240

October 14, 2015

Via email: lross@foe.org

Lukas B. Ross 1100 15th Street NW Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Ross:

On October 8, 2015, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

[C]ompany-specific volumes reported on OGOR-Bs between 2004 and 2014 (yearly, as opposed to monthly, totals) for the following disposition codes: 8 (avoidably lost), 20 (beneficial use), 21(flared from oil well), 22 (flared from gas well), 23 (unavoidably lost), 61 (vented from oil well), 62 (vented from gas well).

Crucially, I would like to request that any information from onshore mixed leases exclude tribal data. As such, with regard to commingled or split-estate leases, please include only the volumes from the federal portion of those agreements.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on October 9, 2015, and assigned control number **OS-2016-00018**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. On July 30, 2015, you sent a FOIA request seeking this same data. On September 14, 2015, we provided a response with mixed or Indian data redacted from onshore leases under exemption 3. After a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents and a discussion with you to clarify your request, it has been determined that the Office of the Secretary is unable to separate the federal and Indian data on mixed leases. Therefore, the Office of the Secretary has no records responsive to your request. This completes the Office of the Secretary's response to your request.

Because your entitlements as an "other-use requester" (see 43 C.F.R. § 2.39) were sufficient to cover all applicable FOIA charges, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request. Although you requested a fee waiver, your entitlements were sufficient to cover all applicable FOIA fees.

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a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

The National Archives and Records Administration Office of Government Information Services 8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 E-mail: <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> Web: <u>https://ogis.archives.gov</u> Telephone: 202-741-5770 Fax: 202-741-5769 Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Ryan McQuighan by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os\_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Sincerely,

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