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Re: HQ-2021-00119-F

This is a final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of Energy from October 1 to October 31, 2020.

Your request was assigned to Department of Energy's Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) to conduct search of the Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence System at DOE Headquarters, which tracks all correspondence to and from all Offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretaries of DOE, and is where records of such correspondence is likely to be found.

ES conducted a search and identified one (1) document responsive to your request. Upon review, DOE has determined that all responsive documents should be released in its entirety.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate, that FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line, (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeal. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, a judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.



You may contact DOE' s FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact me or Mr. Llewellyn Smith of my office at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

**Alexander
C. Morris**

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- One (1) document is *being released in its entirety*.

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The Electronic Document Online Correspondence
and Collaboration System (eDOCS)
Folder List Report

1. **Title:** Joint to letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette, Secretary Mark Esper, Department of Defense and Michael Wheeler, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency from Senator Michael Bennet
- Subject:** Write to express concern with the effects of implementing Executive Order issued on September 22, 2020, and the OMB memo issued on September 4, 2020 prohibiting Executive Branch entities from using federal funds to administer training sessions that incorporate teachings about critical race theory and white privilege

Control: EXEC-2020-004404

Assigned To:	ED / James Campos	Created Date:	11/10/2020
Signature Level:	Dan Brouillette	Correspondence Date:	10/30/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	11/10/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	12/22/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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and Collaboration System (eDOCS)
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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Representatives Scott Peters and Elissa Slotkin
Subject: Submits questions regarding the Interconnections Seam study and the handling of the research regarding the study

Control: EXEC-2020-003882

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	10/06/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	10/05/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/06/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	10/14/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Letter to EE/Becca Jones-Albertus (via email) from Representative Anna G. Eshoo
Subject: Requesting an update on the status of Taka Solar's application for funding under the Solar Energy Technology Office's Fiscal Year 2020 funding program

Control: EXEC-2020-003976

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	10/09/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	10/08/2020
Addressee Office:	EE	Received Date:	10/09/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Perry, Robert	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

3. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette from Senator Joni K. Ernst
Subject: Writing in support of a grant application submitted by Gross-Wen Technologies, Inc. (GWT) in Slater, Iowa for DOE's Research and Development for Advanced Water Rescue Recovery Systems funding opportunity

Control: EXEC-2020-004062

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	10/16/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	10/06/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/16/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/27/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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4. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson
Subject: Requests additional briefings on the "Seam Study" initially requested on September 22, 2020

Control: EXEC-2020-004182

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	10/23/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	10/23/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/23/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	12/07/2020
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Sherrod Brown
Subject: Writes regarding radioactive material discovered at Zahn's Corner Middle School near Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant
(EM-2020-001487)

Control: EXEC-2020-004189

Assigned To:	EM / William White	Created Date:	10/26/2020
Signature Level:	EM	Correspondence Date:	10/23/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/26/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	12/07/2020
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Rob Portman and Representative Brad R Wenstrup
Subject: Request the Department engage in frequent communications regarding the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and the Zahn's Corner Middle School and possible leaks
(EM-2020-001490)

Control: EXEC-2020-004191

Assigned To:	EM / William White	Created Date:	10/26/2020
Signature Level:	EM	Correspondence Date:	10/23/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/26/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	12/08/2020
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Todd Young
Subject: Writing in support of Wabash Valley Resources' effort to secure front-end engineering design (FEED) funding from DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (DE-FOA-0002180)

Control: EXEC-2020-003889

Assigned To:	FE / Steven Winberg	Created Date:	10/06/2020
Signature Level:	FE	Correspondence Date:	10/05/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/06/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	10/19/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senators Mike Lee, Mitt Romney and Representatives Chris, Stewart, Rob Bishop, John Curtis and Ben Adams
Subject: Writing to request full and fair consideration of the grant application for the Delta , Utah based Advanced Clean Energy Storage Project - Salt-Cavern Hydrogen Energy Storage Enhanced Dynamic Operating Capability - Phase I Feasibility Study

Control: EXEC-2020-003893

Assigned To:	FE / Steven Winberg	Created Date:	10/06/2020
Signature Level:	FE	Correspondence Date:	10/02/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/06/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

3. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Representative Larry Bucshon
Subject: Writing to express support for Wabash Valley Resources' effort to secure front-end engineering design (FEED) funding through DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (DE-FOA-0002180)

Control: EXEC-2020-003895

Assigned To:	FE / Steven Winberg	Created Date:	10/06/2020
Signature Level:	FE	Correspondence Date:	10/06/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/06/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	10/19/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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4. **Title:** Letter to NETL/Brian Anderson (via email) from Representative Carol D. Miller
Subject: Writing in support of ENGLO Inc's application for funding through DOE/NETL's Unsolicited Proposal Program
Control: EXEC-2020-004221

Assigned To:	FE / Steven Winberg	Created Date:	10/27/2020
Signature Level:	FE	Correspondence Date:	10/01/2020
Addressee Office:	FE	Received Date:	10/26/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	10/27/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	12/07/2020
Point of Contact:	Prescott, Holly (CONTR)	Status:	completed
Program Contact:	Galusky, Jessica	Source:	CC