

February 9, 2024

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Via email: email@philrutherford.com

## HQ-2024-01160-F

Re: Complete file on the DOE Office of Inspector General's complaint 23-0160-C

Dear Phil Rutherford,

Thank you for the request for information that you made to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was received in this office on February 9, 2024 and has been assigned a controlled number, HQ-2024-01160-F. Since we receive several hundred requests a year, please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

We are reviewing your letter to determine if it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. We will send you a subsequent letter to inform you if we need additional information, or to state where the request has been assigned to conduct a search for responsive documents.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Jordan O'Donnell via email at Jordan.O'Donnell@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Alexander C. Morris* Alexander C. Morris FOIA Officer Office of Public Information

