

From: [IGHOTLINE](#)
To: [Phil Rutherford](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:04:43 PM

Hello,

Your complaint has been closed by this office, and as per our website ([IG Hotline | Department of Energy](#)) the only information that will be provided is OPEN or CLOSED status.

You will need to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain the details of the complaint disposition.

Instructions on how to file a FOIA request for your complaint can be found at

<https://www.energy.gov/ig/services/foia>.

No further information will be provided.

Thank you for contacting the OIG.

Hotline Coordinator
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Inspector General
<http://energy.gov/ig/services>

From: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:31 PM
To: IGHOTLINE <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Dear Hotline Coordinator (RC),

Thank you for your reply. I am at a loss why you have twice chosen not to answer my two simple questions, namely when the investigation into my complaint was closed and why I was not informed.

How are the answers to those two simple questions considered secret because of unspecified Privacy Act Restrictions?

The very fact that the DOE IG cannot communicate the results of its own investigations, and instead requires whistleblowers to file a FOIA request is bureaucracy at its worst.

Sincerely,

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From: IGHOTLINE <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:34 AM
To: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Good Morning,

Your complaint has been closed by the OIG and due to Privacy Act Restrictions, no further information is available from this venue.

Thanks,

Hotline Coordinator
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Inspector General
<http://energy.gov/ig/services>
RC

From: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 10:35 PM
To: IGHOTLINE <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Dear Hotline Coordinator,

Were you able to find answers to my questions?

From: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 2:41 PM
To: 'IGHOTLINE' <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: The.Secretary@hq.doe.gov; william.white@hq.doe.gov; 'Mengers, Joshua' <Joshua.Mengers@emcbc.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Dear Hotline Coordinator (RC),

At your suggestion, I have submitted a FOIA request for the investigation file related to Complaint 23-0160-C. See attached email.

Quite aside from the FOIA request, when was the investigation closed, and why did I not receive notification of its conclusion from your office? In the event that your notification went to my spam folder, please resend your closure notification to me.

Sincerely,

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From: IGHOTLINE <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 7:44 AM
To: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Good Morning,

Your complaint is closed. The OIG determined that no further action was warranted. No further information is available via this venue; however, you are welcome to request a copy of the file via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please reference complaint # 23-0160-C. Status, disposition and FOIA information can be found on our website: (<https://www.energy.gov/ig/ig-hotline>).

Hotline Coordinator
RC

From: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 11:30 PM
To: IGHOTLINE <ighotline@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Secretary <the.secretary@hq.doe.gov>; White, William <william.white@em.doe.gov>; Mengers, Joshua (EMCBC) <joshua.mengers@emcbc.doe.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Complaint 23-0160-C

Dear Inspector General,

It is now one year since I submitted my complaint, 23-0160-C, regarding falsification of data for waste shipments from DOE's Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC).

Attached is the original complaint plus the prior letter to ETEC management, providing background for the complaint.

Please provide a status of your investigation and tell me how many more years that DOE needs to complete its investigation.

Sincerely,

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From: Phil Rutherford <email@philrutherford.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 11:14 AM
To: ighotline@hq.doe.gov
Subject: Complaint - Shipments of Waste from the former Energy Technology Engineering Center

Dear Inspector General Donaldson,

Please find attached, a complaint regarding irregularities in waste shipments from the former Energy Technology Engineering Center.

Sincerely,

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