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FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents concerning investigations into the data manipulation discovered in 2008 at the U.S. Geological Survey Energy Geochemistry Laboratory in Lakewood, Colorado.

Specifically, a 2014 inspector general report cites an internal investigation into the data manipulation:

“Science center officials initiated an investigation, but the employee resigned before the investigation concluded.”

I would like a copy of any and all reports and documents concerning that investigation.

A link to the inspector general report, number CR-EV-GSV-0003-2014, can be found here: <https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/CREVGSV00032014PUBLIC.pdf>

I would like to receive this information in a searchable PDF via email or thumb drive. If that is not possible, I would prefer to receive them via CD or digital dropbox.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities regarding taxpayer-funded scientific data and oversight of data integrity. The records will be used in articles disseminated to the public through the Daily Caller News Foundation, a nonprofit media organization.

If, however, I am denied a fee waiver, I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$25. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

If there is anything that may cause denial, I am willing to amend my request and discuss it with you.

Please do not hesitate to call me with an questions or comments. I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail. I can be reached at ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org or 410-829-1738.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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