



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:
U.S. Geological Survey
Attention: Freedom of Information Act Officer
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August 28, 2016

Mr. Ethan Barton
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Re: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking #
USGS-2016-00187

Dear Mr. Barton:

I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated July 5, 2016, in which you requested copies of the following records:

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.

Referenced by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Interior, report number CR-EV-GSV-0003-2014: "Science Center officials initiated an investigation, but the employee resigned before the investigation concluded."

I have enclosed one portable document format (PDF) consisting of 55 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety. On July 6, 2016, we approved your request for a fee waiver.

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Sincerely,

Brian A. May
Freedom of Information Act Officer
FOIA Public Liaison

Enclosure:
2016-00187 – Combined Records.pdf (15 pages)