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Mr. Steven Milloy
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HQ-FOI- 00817-12

Dear Mr. Milloy,

I am responding to your FOIA request regarding the Pacific Institute. I sent you an email to ask if we could narrow the dates of your request since there was no limit to the time frame you requested. I have not had a response back from you. We do not retain records for the files after 7 years. I will send you the records we are able to collect after they are reviewed for Confidential Business Information. The grants were awarded under a number of different EPA programs and it will take some time to collect the various files and then for the Office of General Counsel Review. I expect to have the files to you by May 31, 2012.

As part of your request you also asked of why the EPA database deleted files around the dates February 22-23, 2012. Please see the following report:

To follow-up on the issue reported about the public-facing website (the Grants Awards Database - link below):

http://yosemite.epa.gov/oarm/igms_egf.nsf/HomePage?ReadForm

There was a technical problem during the loading of data to the website (which occurs only once a day). Essentially the site only received a partial load of the data and what was mostly affected was the \$\$ dollar amounts awarded to the grant. This was resolved by Friday night and confirmed on Saturday morning.

The issue with the incorrect Cumulative Award amount for grant records on the website has been corrected and the accurate amounts are now being reported to the public. This issue affected the website for approximately 24 hours and the technical cause for the issue was identified and has been permanently corrected.

If you consider this response to be a denial, you may appeal it by addressing your appeal to the Freedom of Information Officer (1105A), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 2315, Washington, D.C. 20460. FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hqfoia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should refer to the RIN number listed above, the date of this determination, and my name, title and address. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may reach me 202-564-5326 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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