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Re: HQ-2021-00014-F

This is a final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of Energy from September 1 to September 30, 2020.

Your request was assigned to Department of Energy's Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) to conduct search of the Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence System at DOE Headquarters, which tracks all correspondence to and from all Offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretaries of DOE, and is where records of such correspondence is likely to be found.

ES conducted a search and identified one (1) document responsive to your request. Upon review, DOE has determined that all responsive documents should be released in its entirety.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate, that FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line, (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeal. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, a judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.



You may contact DOE' s FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact me or Mr. Llewellyn Smith of my office at:

MA-46/Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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(202) 287-6730

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

**Alexander C.
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The Department of Energy's Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) conducted a search of its file located one (1) document responsive to your request.

- One (1) document is *being released in its entirety*.

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Folder List Report

1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Representative John Garamendi

Subject:

Control: EXEC-2020-003792

Assigned To:
Signature Level:
Addressee Office: Dan Brouillette
Action Requested:
Priority: High
Point of Contact:
Program Contact:

Created Date: 09/29/2020
Correspondence Date: 09/28/2020
Received Date: 09/29/2020
Completed Date: [no date provided]
Due Date: [no date provided]
Status: open
Source: CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette from Frank Pallone, Jr., Chairman and Bobby L. Rush, Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- Subject:** Write to express concerns related to the Department's resumption of the U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER) and delays in the Department's implementation of survey processes for the upcoming 2021 USEER

Control: EXEC-2020-003507

Assigned To:	CI / Melissa Burnison	Created Date:	09/03/2020
Signature Level:	Dan Brouillette	Correspondence Date:	09/03/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/03/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	Critical	Due Date:	09/18/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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Folder List Report

1. **Title:** Red Folder - Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette from Representative Joe Wilson

Subject: Expressing gratitude for speaking with Secretary Brouillette at the White House

Control: EXEC-2020-003860

Assigned To:	Dan Brouillette	Created Date:	10/02/2020
Signature Level:	N/A	Correspondence Date:	09/18/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	10/02/2020
Action Requested:	Appropriate Action	Completed Date:	10/02/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	[no date provided]
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and Representatives James R. Langevin and David N. Cicilline
- Subject:** write in support of the proposal to establish a new Atlantic Marine Energy Center (AMEC) submitted by Florida Atlantic University (FAU), the University of Rhode Island (URI), and Brown University (Brown)

Control: EXEC-2020-003470

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/02/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/01/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/02/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/15/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senators Charles E. Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand and Representative Lee M. Zeldin, Pete King, Kathleen M. Rice and Thomas Suozzi
- Subject:** Write in support of the Atlantic Marine Energy Center (AMEC) application submitted by Stony Brook University and the University of New Hampshire in response to DOE's funding opportunity for Marine Energy Foundational Research and Testing Infrastructure (DE-FOA-0002234)

Control: EXEC-2020-003472

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/02/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/01/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/02/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/15/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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3. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senators Margaret Wood Hassan, Benjamin L. Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, Martin Heinrich, Mazie Hirono, Edward J. Markey, Bernard Sanders, Jeanne Shaheen, Tina Smith and Chris Van Hollen

Subject: Writing to express concerns regarding DOE updating national energy efficiency standards for 26 types of consumer and commercial appliances - RESPONSES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Control: EXEC-2020-003559

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/10/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/03/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/10/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	09/17/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

4. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Thom Tillis

Subject: Water Power Technologies Office Marine Energy Foundational Research and Testing Infrastructure (DE-FOA-0002234) North Carolina State University

Control: EXEC-2020-003593

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/11/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/08/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/11/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/23/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

5. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Representatives Ron Wright, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Bobby L. Rush and Michael C. Burgess, MD

Subject: Writing in support of a project from Instant Access Network, LLC (IAN) that has the potential to generate renewable energy and high quality jobs for veterans

Control: EXEC-2020-003605

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/15/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/14/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/15/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/27/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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6. **Title:** Letter to EE/Daniel Simmons (via email) from Representative Peter J. Visclosky
Subject: Writing in support of an application submitted by Purdue University Northwest-Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation (CIVS) for consideration of funding through the FY 2020 Advanced Manufacturing Office Multi-Topic Funding Opportunity Announcement

Control: EXEC-2020-003658

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/17/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/09/2020
Addressee Office:	EE	Received Date:	09/17/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/29/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

7. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Patrick Leahy and Representative Peter Welch
Subject: Write to express our strong support for the application submitted by a team comprised of the University of Vermont (UVM) and private partners for the American-Made Geothermal Manufacturing Prize

Control: EXEC-2020-003687

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/21/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/18/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/21/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/02/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

8. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Subject: Requests a briefing on the unpublished Interconnection Seam Study, as well as a briefing on DOE's efforts to ensure that the requirements for the Scientific Integrity Policy are met

Control: EXEC-2020-003697

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/22/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/22/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/22/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/09/2020
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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9. **Title:** Letter to EE/Daniel Simmons (via email) from Senator Lisa Murkowski

Subject: Write in support of the proposal submitted by the University of Alaska Anchorage (“UAA” or “the University”) and the Alaska Energy Authority (“AEA” or “the Authority”) to the Department of Energy’s Building Technology Proving Ground grant program

Control: EXEC-2020-003793

Assigned To:	EE / Daniel Simmons	Created Date:	09/29/2020
Signature Level:	EE	Correspondence Date:	09/25/2020
Addressee Office:	EE	Received Date:	09/29/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	11/11/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Mike Braun

Subject: Writing to express support for the Wabash Valley Resources effort to secure front-end engineering design (FEED) funding from DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (DE-FOA-0002180) for the Wabash Hydrogen Negative Emissions Demonstration Technology project

Control: EXEC-2020-003604

Assigned To:	FE / Steven Winberg	Created Date:	09/15/2020
Signature Level:	FE	Correspondence Date:	09/14/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/15/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/27/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** This is Secretary Dan Brouillette's courtesy copy (via email) of a letter addressed to Secretary Steven Mnuchim, U.S. Department of the Treasury from Senator Marco Rubio

Subject: Writing to express concern regarding the potential acquisition of GNC Holdings Inc. by Harbin Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd. (HPGC), a Chinese pharmaceutical company that describes itself as a "state-controlled Sino-foreign equity joint venture"

Control: EXEC-2020-003574

Assigned To:	IA / Ted Garrish	Created Date:	09/10/2020
Signature Level:	N/A	Correspondence Date:	09/10/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/10/2020
Action Requested:	Program Determination	Completed Date:	09/10/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	[no date provided]
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Gift to Deputy Secretary Mark Menezes from Representative Guy Reschenthaler

Subject: Gift is a round medal

Control: EXEC-2020-003564

Assigned To:	Mark Menezes	Created Date:	09/10/2020
Signature Level:	N/A	Correspondence Date:	09/09/2020
Addressee Office:	Mark Menezes	Received Date:	09/10/2020
Action Requested:	Appropriate Action	Completed Date:	09/10/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	[no date provided]
Point of Contact:	Stanton, Kimberly (CONTR)	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to NNSA/Lisa Gordon-Hagerty (via email) from Representative Chuck Fleischmann
- Subject:** Writing to request that NNSA give consideration to a letter from his constituents in the City of Oak Ridge and to initiate an independent study of the impact of the consolidation of management and operation (M&O) contract for Y-12 and the Pantex Plant on the Oak Ridge community

Control: EXEC-2020-003610

Assigned To:	NNSA / Lisa Gordon-Hagerty	Created Date:	09/15/2020
Signature Level:	NNSA	Correspondence Date:	09/08/2020
Addressee Office:	Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty	Received Date:	09/15/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/27/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Red Folder - Letter to Under Secretary for Science Paul Dabbar from Representative Joe Wilson
Subject: Expressing pleasure with talking to Under Secretary for Science Paul Dabbar at the Savannah River Site
Control: EXEC-2020-003857

Assigned To:	Paul Dabbar	Created Date:	10/02/2020
Signature Level:	N/A	Correspondence Date:	09/25/2020
Addressee Office:	Paul Dabbar	Received Date:	10/02/2020
Action Requested:	Appropriate Action	Completed Date:	10/02/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	[no date provided]
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Red Folder - Letter to Under Secretary for Science Paul Dabbar from Representative Joe Wilson
Subject: Thank you for meeting at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Salt Waste Processing Facility
Control: EXEC-2020-003886

Assigned To:	Paul Dabbar	Created Date:	10/06/2020
Signature Level:	N/A	Correspondence Date:	09/25/2020
Addressee Office:	Paul Dabbar	Received Date:	10/06/2020
Action Requested:	Appropriate Action	Completed Date:	10/06/2020
Priority:	High	Due Date:	[no date provided]
Point of Contact:	Cunningham, Cindy	Status:	completed
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

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1. **Title:** Letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette (via email) from Senator Marsha Blackburn
- Subject:** Writing to request that a scientist from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) be assigned to her office to serve as a science fellow for the first session of the 117th Congress (2021)

Control: EXEC-2020-003621

Assigned To:	SC / Christopher Fall	Created Date:	09/15/2020
Signature Level:	SC	Correspondence Date:	09/15/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/15/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/28/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC

2. **Title:** Joint letter to Secretary Dan Brouillette and Director Russell Vought (via email) from Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary C. Peters
- Subject:** Writing to convey continued support for the Department's Nuclear Physics Program and the Facility Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB)

Control: EXEC-2020-003655

Assigned To:	SC / Christopher Fall	Created Date:	09/17/2020
Signature Level:	SC	Correspondence Date:	09/17/2020
Addressee Office:	Dan Brouillette	Received Date:	09/17/2020
Action Requested:	Prepare Response	Completed Date:	[no date provided]
Priority:	High	Due Date:	10/29/2020
Point of Contact:	Standley, Erica	Status:	open
Program Contact:		Source:	CC