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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA, MD 20814-4408**

May 08, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request #15-F-00376; A copy of the following CPSC Office of Inspector General records, a copy of the final reports, report of investigation, closing memo, referral memo and referral letter for each CPSC investigation closed during calendar year 2014.

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission"). The information from the Commission files responsive to your request is enclosed.

The enclosed information is partially redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. FOIA Exemption 6 provides for the withholding of personnel, medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Absent authorizations to disclose the records from the persons identified in the records or their representatives, we believe that the records fall within the protection of the FOIA exemptions to disclosure.

According to the Commission's regulations implementing the FOIA at 16 C.F.R. § 1015.7, a partial denial of access to records may be appealed to the General Counsel of the Commission within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. An appeal must be in writing **FOIA APPEAL, General Counsel, ATTN: Office of the Secretary**, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-4408.

Processing this request, performing the file searches and preparing the information, cost the Commission \$40.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges. This completes the processing of your request. Should you have any questions, contact us by letter, facsimile (301) 504-0127 or telephone (301) 504-7923 or e-mail addressed to cpsc-foia@cpsc.gov.

Sincerely,

Alberta E. Mills
Freedom of Information Officer
The Secretariat - Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosure

3 June 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General – Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegation of Misconduct by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Employee

1. A preliminary investigation into alleged misconduct by John E. M [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] regarding the improper use of a government purchase card determined the alleged misconduct did not fit the traditional method of “fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement” as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General

4 August 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General – Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegation of Waste by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Employee

1. A preliminary investigation into alleged waste of government funds by the CPSC Directorate for Engineering Sciences for the purchase of a cone calorimeter did not fit the traditional method of “fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement” as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General

4 August 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General – Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegation of Fraud, Waste and Abuse by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Office of Compliance

1. A preliminary investigation into alleged fraud, waste and abuse by the CPSC Office of Compliance regarding the testing of samples of toy guns did not fit the traditional method of “fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement” as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General

10 October 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General – Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegation of Misconduct by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
Employee

1. A preliminary investigation into alleged misconduct by Marcus M [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED], regarding the improper use of a government-issued BlackBerry determined the alleged misconduct did not fit the traditional method of “fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement” as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General

17 December 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General – Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegations of Misconduct by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Employee

1. An investigation into alleged misconduct, consisting of interviews with 10 individuals and a review of documentary evidence, concerning alleged misconduct by Mr. Andrew S [REDACTED], [REDACTED], regarding improper use of a parking FOB, improper use of government resources for personal reasons, improper conduct during public tours, mismanagement, and mistreatment of subordinates, determined the alleged misconduct did not fit the traditional method of “fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement” as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, CPSC OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General

11 December 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Christopher J. O [REDACTED], Assistant Inspector General -- Investigations

SUBJECT: Allegations of Misconduct by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Employee

1. An investigation into alleged misuse of the CPSC Voluntary Leave Transfer program, consisting of multiple interviews with the complainant and Human Resources personnel, determined the alleged misconduct did not fit the traditional method of "fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement" as applied to Office of Inspector General (OIG) operations.
2. In light of the above, CPSC OIG considers this matter closed, although we reserve the right to re-open the investigation either upon the discovery of additional evidence related to this matter or upon our own initiative.

[REDACTED]
CHRISTOPHER J. O [REDACTED]
Office of the Inspector General