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February 8, 2023

Via Email

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #23-F-00214: a copy of the listing of Office of Inspector General investigations (not audits) closed during calendar years 2021 and 2022, to include fields such as the case number, the date the investigation was closed, the title or subject of the investigation, the category or type of investigation, etc. IF no such listing exists or can be produced from the computer database, then I instead request a copy of the title page and/or cover page for each OIG investigation closed during CY 2021 and 2022.

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Enclosed is a copy of the records responsive to your request, contained in the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) files, with certain excisions explained below. Portions of the enclosed records are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). CPSC considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions.

Exemption 6. FOIA Exemption 6 permits withholding personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Absent authorizations to disclose the records or personally identifying information from the persons identified in the records or their representatives, such information falls within the protection of this FOIA exemption to disclosure and is being withheld accordingly. CPSC redacted individuals' names pursuant to this exemption.

FOIA Administrative Procedures

Right to appeal. According to the CPSC's regulations implementing the FOIA at 16 C.F.R. § 1015.7, a partial withholding of records may be appealed. If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal in writing, addressed to FOIA APPEAL, Office of the General Counsel, ATTN: Division of Information Access, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330


East West Highway, Room 820 Bethesda, MD 20814-4408.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted (cpscfoiarequests@cpsc.gov) within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. You may also fax your appeal to 301-504-0127. You may contact us Monday – Friday from 8:00AM – 4:30PM EST, by telephone at 1-800-638-2772, by fax to 301-504-0127, or by e-mail addressed to cpsc-foia@cpsc.gov.

Before filing a formal appeal with the CPSC, you may contact me or one of CPSC's FOIA Public Liaisons, Robert Dalton (rdalton@cpsc.gov) or Cooper Gerus (cgerus@cpsc.gov), via email or at 1-800-638-2772, for any further assistance, or to discuss any aspect of your request. Assistance may include guidance on possible reformulation of your request or an alternative time frame for processing the request.

Right to Mediation. 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, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile to 202-741-5769.

Fees. No fees were charged.

Sincerely, **ABIOYE**
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Attachment: OIG Closed Investigation List

NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	STATUS	SUBJECT	DATE OF DISPOSITION
20-I-29	3/15/2020	Closed	Complainant presented a potential wrongful termination by CPSC supervisor	4/1/2021
20-I-54	6/19/2020	Closed	Request for an investigation into the suitability, legality and other issues related to OCM contracts with social influencers	9/27/2022
20-I-58	7/15/2020	Closed	Regarding Management in OGC	1/10/2022
21-I-16	11/30/2020	Closed	Complaint regarding ██████████ ██████████ endorse Apple Products	3/29/2021
21-I-24	12/10/2020	Closed	Complaint regarding a politically appointed employee being transferred to a career position	2/25/2021
21-I-25	12/11/2020	Closed	Three part complaint regarding ██████████	5/25/2021
21-I-42	2/22/2021	Closed	OIG is establishing a timeline related to the decision and implementation of mandatory fulltime telework in response to the COVID 19 pandemic and the reversal thereof (for field/port and lab personnel), including criteria and documentation that led to the decision, up to March 13, 2021.	6/7/2021
21-I-63	4/27/2021	Closed	Anonymous complaint from a CPSC employee who is concerned about the waste involved in a compliance program called "EXC Blitz" where products (garments) are chosen to be tested that have already been determined as compliant.	9/20/2022
21-I-70	5/21/2021	Closed	Complaint regarding a tweet ██████████ ██████████ raised the concern that the Tweet was a violation of 6(b).	8/27/2021
22-I-03	10/7/2021	Closed	Investigating an allegation of an abuse of authority related to the role of the General Counsel in the operating plan vote. Additional allegations were made regarding the leak of privileged information outside of the agency later appearing in a Washington Post article.	11/3/2022
22-I-09	11/8/2021	Closed	Complaint about product sample collection by EXIS. Claimant describes collection process as wasteful and potentially without procedures.	8/29/2022
22-I-32	3/29/2022	Closed	██████████ expresses disagreement over statement in Report 20-A-06	3/29/2022