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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 9, 2026

Via Email

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. HQ-2026-00857-F

This is a response from the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Inspector General (OIG) to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. On December 24, 2025, your request sought the following:

This is a request for records from the Office of Inspector General. I request: 1) A copy of the final report, closing memo, or equivalent concluding document for each Dept of Energy Inspector General investigation closed during CY2025. 2) A copy of the list of DOE Inspector General investigations closed during CY2025, including relevant data fields such as the subject or topic of the investigation, the case number, closing date, and opening date.

The OIG has completed a search and review of its files and identified two documents responsive to your request. A review of these documents and a determination concerning their release has been made pursuant to the FOIA. Based on this review, we determined that certain documents should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C) of the FOIA, referred to as Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C), respectively. Specifically, the OIG has determined:

- Document 1 is being released to you with certain material withheld pursuant to Exemptions 3, 6, and 7(C)
- Document 2 is being released to you with certain material withheld pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C).

On March 4, 2026, the OIG contacted you to narrow down your request, and you replied, agreeing to limit your request to item 2 only.

Exemption 3 protects from disclosure information "specifically exempted from disclosure by statute;" in this case, the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b), provides that False Claims Act complaints brought by individuals on behalf of the United States

shall be filed in camera and remain under seal for at least 60 days, and shall not be served on the defendant until the court so orders. The information being withheld under Exemption 3 remains under seal pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b).

Exemption 6 protects from disclosure “personnel and medical and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. . . .” Exemption 7(C) provides that “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes” may be withheld from disclosure, but only to the extent the production of such documents “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. . . .”

Names and information that would tend to disclose the identity of certain individuals have been withheld pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C). Individuals involved in OIG enforcement matters, which in this case include potential subjects, witnesses, sources of information, and other individuals, are entitled to privacy protections so that they will be free from harassment, intimidation, and other personal intrusions.

In invoking Exemptions 6 and 7(C), we have determined that it is not in the public interest to release the withheld material. We have determined that the public interest in the identity of individuals who appear in these files does not outweigh these individuals' privacy interests. Those interests include being free from intrusions into their professional and private lives.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

To the extent permitted by other laws, the DOE, will make records available which it is authorized to withhold under 5 U.S.C. § 552 whenever it determines that such disclosure is in the public interest. *See* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.1.

As required, all releasable information has been segregated from the material that is withheld and is provided to you. *See* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(3).

This decision may be appealed to the Office of Hearings and Appeals within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals must be in writing and should be addressed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1 /L’Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You may also submit your appeal by email to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov. The appeal must be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Appeal” on the envelope and letter, and if submitted by email, in the subject line of the email. *See* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8(b).

Once your administrative remedies are exhausted, judicial review will be available to you in the United States District Court in the district in which you reside, or have your principal place of business, in the district in which the records are situated, or the District of Columbia. *See* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8(d)(3).

If you have any questions about the processing of your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Todd Burns. He may be contacted to discuss any aspect of your request by phone

at (202) 586-5955 or by email at FOIA-Central@hq.doe.gov. Please know that you also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services, <https://ogis.archives.gov>; (202) 741-5770; (877) 684-6448 (toll free), by fax: (202) 741-5769, or by email ogis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Inspector General
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Office of Inspector General

Enclosure

Number	Title	Date Initiated	Date Closed
15-0036-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) PII Compromise/Identity Theft of NNSA Employees; Los Lunas, NM	05Jan2015	31Mar2025
16-0099-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) False Claims/False Statements; Sandia National Laboratories	15Jun2016	26Sep2025
17-0050-I	ATS Inland NW, LLC; Contract Fraud; Idaho National Laboratory	21Mar2017	11Mar2025
17-0070-I	SRNL and Greenway Energy; Conflict of Interest; SRS	08Jun2017	18Feb2025
18-0014-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Child Pornography; Albuquerque, NM	15Dec2017	28Oct2025
18-0025-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FS/FC Travel Vouchers; Los Alamos National Laboratory	01Feb2018	22Jun2025
18-0076-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Travel and Time & Attendance Fraud; INL	27Sep2018	24Apr2025
19-0064-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Contract Fraud, Fluor	31May2019	18Mar2025
19-0071-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Grant Fraud; Office of Science	27Jun2019	28Mar2025

19-0072-I	Science Tomorrow, LLC / (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) SBIR Fraud; Lexington, KY	27Jun2019	19Mar2025
19-0077-I	Multiple Subjects; Time Fraud (FC/FS); Pantex Plant	11Jul2019	22Jul2025
19-0104-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); False Statements; Irvine, CA	12Sep2019	28Jul2025
20-0001-I	(Qui Tam - UNSEALED); Microsoft; Civil False Claims; DOE-HQ	04Oct2019	24Sep2025
20-0007-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Falsification of Records/Forgery; NREL	25Oct2019	13May2025
20-0013-I	Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation; Grant Fraud (ARPA-E/NE)	26Nov2019	13May2025
20-0038-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Grant Fraud/Intellectual Property Theft; Office of Fossil Energy	18Mar2020	13May2025
20-0050-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Solicitation of a Minor; Albany, OR	23Apr2020	19Feb2025
20-0054-I	CHPRC, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Lobbying on official travel; Hanford Site	05May2020	04Mar2025

20-0056-I	Radiation Detection Technologies; SBIR Grant Fraud; Office of Science	07May2020	13May2025
20-0061-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Foreign Influence: SUNY Albany: NY	16Jun2020	21Apr2025
20-0078-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; T&A Fraud; INL	24Aug2020	01Aug2025
21-0003-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; GSA Fleet Card/Vehicle Fraud; Las Vegas, NV	13Oct2020	24Sep2025
21-0010-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Timecard Fraud; INL	18Nov2020	01Aug2025
21-0043-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Potential Endorsement Issue by Various Government Officials; DC	23Feb2021	07Oct2025
21-0051-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Contract Fraud; LBNL	22Mar2021	08Oct2025
21-0077-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Timecard Fraud; INL	27Apr2021	01Aug2025
21-0078-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Misuse of Government Resources; INL	07May2021	18Mar2025
21-0098-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Counter Proliferation; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	12Jul2021	11Feb2025
21-0101-I	Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC; Civil False Claims; Pantex Plant	22Jul2021	22Jul2025

21-0102-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Misuse of Position; Office of Science, Germantown, MD	28Jul2021	17Oct2025
21-0108-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Bribery/Conspiracy/Money Laundering; Pantex Plant	31Aug2021	31Mar2025
22-0003-I	M.S. Hi-Tech; Counterfeit Items; Jefferson Lab; Newport News, VA	07Oct2021	20Nov2025
22-0009-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Child Exploitation; SNL - NM	26Oct2021	28Oct2025
22-0021-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Grant Fraud; Kansas State University	10Dec2021	06Nov2025
22-0031-I	NanoSonic, Inc.; SBIR Fraud; Office of Science	24Jan2022	24Jan2025
22-0041-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); PPP/EIDL Fraud; SRS; Aiken, SC	16Feb2022	24Jul2025
22-0042-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Covid-19 EIDL Fraud; Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC	11Mar2022	03Apr2025
22-0043-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Traveler Incentive Fraud; Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN	15Mar2022	21Feb2025

22-0050-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Traveler Incentive Fraud; Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN	13Apr2022	07Mar2025
22-0052-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Potential Timecard Fraud; Office of Petroleum Reserves	09May2022	04Aug2025
22-0053-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Traveler Incentive Fraud; Y- 12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN	17May2022	24Mar2025
22-0054-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Traveler Incentive Fraud; Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN	17May2022	24Mar2025
22-0078-I	CNS Employees; Traveler Incentive Fraud; Y- 12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN	25Aug2022	24Mar2025
22-0083-I	(b)(3) 31 USC § 3730 False Claims (Qui Tam - UNDER SEAL); Nevada	08Sep2022	04Nov2025
(b)(3) 31 USC §-3730			
23-0002-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Time Fraud; LLNL	06Oct2022	20Mar2025

23-0008-I	North Wind Portage; Alleged Contract Irregularities and Misuse of Government Funds; UMTRA, Utah	17Oct2022	17Nov2025
23-0009-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Potential Conflict of Interest, Loan Programs Office	18Oct2022	25Aug2025
23-0033-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); CARES ACT/EIDL/PPP Fraud; SRS; Aiken SC	28Dec2022	24Mar2025
23-0040-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); COVID-19 EIDL Fraud; NNSA	23Jan2023	04Aug2025
23-0049-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); COVID-19 EIDL Fraud; EM	07Mar2023	03Mar2025
23-0050-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Unauthorized Access; Office of Science;	09Mar2023	21Jul2025
23-0070-I	Sosny Research & Development Company; Circumvention of Sanctions; INL	28Jun2023	12Aug2025
23-0073-I	(b)(3) 31 USC § 3730 Civil False Claims - Qui Tam - UNDER SEAL	25Jul2023	01Aug2025

23-0075-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Portland, OR	et al.; Conflict of Interest; BPA	16Aug2023	24Jul2025
24-0015-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Distribution of Drugs; INL	21Nov2023	11Aug2025
24-0018-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM); Y-12 National Security Complex	05Dec2023	28Apr2025
24-0019-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Misrepresented Time; Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah KY	14Dec2023	19Mar2025
24-0031-I (b)(3) 31 USC § 3730		Civil False Claims – Qui Tam – UNDER SEAL; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	22Feb2024	31Mar2025
24-0035-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	; Alleged P-Card Fraud, Nevada National Security Site, NV	14Mar2024	06Aug2025
24-0041-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	; Possible Damage to a Protected Computer; NETL - Pittsburgh, PA	06May2024	28Apr2025
24-0043-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Small Business Contract Fraud; Department CSC	29May2024	04Aug2025

24-0057-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	17Sep2024	27Oct2025
25-0003-I	Manhattan Legacy Service LLC; Contract Fraud; Oak Ridge, TN	21Oct2024	15Sep2025
25-0009-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Theft of Intellectual Property, Money, and Equipment from Eden GeoPower; ARPA-E	26Nov2024	29Oct2025
25-0034-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Alleged Mismanagement of Government Funds; Immediate Office Of The Under Secretary For Infrastructure; NJ	08Apr2025	23Apr2025
25-0046-I	Battelle Energy Alliance; Allegation of Unauthorized Allowable Cost; Idaho National Laboratory, ID	30Apr2025	15Dec2025
26-0021-I	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Retaliation; Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC; Oakridge, TN	08Dec2025	08Dec2025

Number	Title	Closed Date
19-0016-W	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Retaliation; Strategic Petroleum Reserve	9/10/2025
19-0017-W	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Centerra; Termination and Retaliation; Camp Beauregard	6/18/2025
20-0014-W	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Retaliation; KeyLogic Systems; NETL	9/25/2025
21-0007-W	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Retaliation; Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC; National Renewable Energy Laboratory, CO	7/21/2025
24-0005-W	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); Retaliation; Allied Universal Security, WA	2/3/2025
25-0006-W	EXEC-SEC 2024-0047741; Multiple Subjects; Alleged Reprisal; Fluor Federal Petroleum Operations, LA	11/21/2025
25-0046-I	Battelle Energy Alliance; Allegation of Unauthorized Allowable Cost; Idaho National Laboratory, ID	12/15/2025