

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. William Wilson Americans for Limited Government 9900 Main Street, Suite 303 Fairfax VA 22031

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request HQ-2012-00382-F

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This constitutes the Office of Inspector General (OIG) 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 asked for the following information:

"All communications between the Department of Energy (Department) and Congressman Fred Upton, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce on or after January 1, 2011." On January 25, 2012, the scope of the request was amended to include "communications from Congressman Upton to the Department."

The OIG conducted a search of its files for documents responsive to your request. The search, however, did not locate any responsive documents. Therefore, consistent with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1004.4(d)(3), I am unable to provide any documents responsive to your request.

This decision may be appealed within 30 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 1004.8. Appeals 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.

Thereafter, 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 principal place of business,
- (3) where the Department's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Snider
Deputy Inspector General

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Office of Inspector General