



File Number:

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Dear Mr. Wilson:


I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552). Your request has been forwarded to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), Division of Planning, Policy and Standards (DPPS) for a response, and your request has been assigned tracking number F2011-639720. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence concerning this FOIA request.

You requested "(1) Copies of all contracts between the Department and outside legal counsel; (A) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and outside legal counsel regarding the performance of legal work for the Department, excluding privileged attorney work product; and, (2) Copies of all contracts between the Department and contractors who have been engaged to work on regulatory issues including rule writing; and (B) Copies of all correspondence between the Department and contractors regarding the performance of such contracts". Your letter requested "all such documents that were created between January 20, 2009 and the present". The DPPS oversees the development and implementation of planning and policy recommendations for OWCP. OWCP's correspondence tracking system dates back to 2000 and stores all inquiries received from Congress and the public. Our records indicate that there are no contracts or correspondence, created from January 20, 2009 to present, between our office and the parties listed in your request.

We do not feel that we have denied any part of your FOIA request. However, if you disagree with our response to your request, you may appeal what you consider to be a denial within 90 days. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. The appeal must be addressed to the

Solicitor of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20210. To expedite processing, the envelope should be marked "FOIA Appeal". The appeal procedures appear at 29 CFR 70.22-70.25.

Sincerely,

  
Cecily Rayburn  
Director, Division of Planning,  
Policy, and Standards