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Kyle Douglas Moring
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Dear Kyle Douglas Moring:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office in the National Archives and Records Administration. As you are aware, Congress created OGIS to serve as the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Ombuds. We assist the public and federal agencies by helping them resolve their FOIA disputes, and by addressing their questions and concerns about the FOIA process. The FOIA directs agencies to include information about OGIS in all adverse FOIA response letters, including those related to processing delays.

We carefully reviewed your submission of information in which you explain that two records requests you submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were remanded for further processing; the agency provided estimated dates of completion for these requests (**2026-EPA-02222** and **2026-EPA-00386**) that have since passed. It is unclear from your submission if the agency has provided additional information regarding the status of these requests.

As a reminder, if an agency chooses not to respond to a request for status information—or chooses not to provide requesters with details of how the agency is processing a request, including how the agency is searching for records or whether rolling releases are possible—OGIS cannot compel it to do so. However, when FOIA requesters reach out to OGIS regarding a delay, OGIS works to open the lines of communication between the requester and the agency. As such, in our role as the FOIA Ombuds, we are forwarding this response to EPA FOIA staff so that they are aware that you are attempting to communicate with them.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, as it assists us with our review of agency compliance with the FOIA. If you have questions or concerns that we have not addressed, please contact us again.

Best regards,
The OGIS Staff

Cc: EPA FOIA Staff