



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

September 9, 2016 — Sent via email

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on July 21, 2016 via email. Your request for assistance pertains to your records request to the Department of Labor, Officer of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

As you may be aware, OGIS was created to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. Please know that OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

OGIS provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. After opening a case, OGIS gathers information from the requester and the agency to learn more about the nature of the dispute. This process helps us gather necessary background information, assess whether the issues are appropriate for mediation, and determine the willingness of the parties to engage in our services. As part of our information gathering, OGIS carefully reviewed your submission of information.

You made a FOIA request to OWCP on [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED] OWCP responded to your request stating the agency did not locate records responsive to your request. On [REDACTED] you appeal the agency's determination. You have not received a response from the agency. You seek OGIS's assistance with this matter.



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In response to your submission, OGIS contacted the Department of Labor's FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, to discuss your request and obtain the status of your appeal. Mr. Hicks informed OGIS your appeal was assigned case number [REDACTED]. A copy of the acknowledgement letter is enclosed. The agency said your appeal is #365 in their queue.

I hope you find this information useful. Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Acting Director

cc: Thomas Hicks, FOIA Public Liaison, Department of Labor

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.