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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 March 16, 2016 via fax. Your request for assistance pertains to [REDACTED]' Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). We sincerely apologize that we were not able to respond sooner to your request for assistance.

As you may be aware, Congress created OGIS 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.

In your submission to OGIS, you inquire about the status of a pending administrative appeal of the Bureau of Land Management FOIA response ([REDACTED]). We recently learned that DOI's Office of the Solicitor acknowledged [REDACTED]' appeal on June [REDACTED] 2016 and provided a tracking number ([REDACTED]). We have enclosed a copy of that correspondence for your reference.

Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nikki Gramian
Acting Director

Cc: DOI Appeals Staff

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