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Attention: Judy Cearley
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August 31, 2018

Mr. Adam Federman
The Investigative Fund
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New York, New York 10003
Transmitted by electronic mail: adamfederman@gmail.com

Re: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking #
USGS-2018-00063 – Response

Dear Mr. Federman:

This is our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 10, 2018, in which you requested copies of the following records:

Any and all correspondence or communication to or from the USGS Office of Energy and Minerals regarding maps showing boundaries of the Alaska National Petroleum Reserve as they relate to the NPR-A energy assessment published on December 22, 2017. Date range of the request is July 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017.

On January 25, 2018, we contacted you and notified you we have communications of maps associated to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and not to the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), and asked you to clarify the scope of your request.

On February 2, 2018, you amended the scope of your request for the following records:

Any communication to and from the USGS Office of Energy and Minerals regarding maps or boundaries related to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Time period for the request is August 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017.

On April 13, 2018, we provided you the record custodians respective email/attachment page count, and asked you to allow us to process the emails without considering the attachments. April 16, 2018, you limited your request to emails and to exclude email attachments.

We have enclosed two portable document format (PDF) records, consisting of 207 pages, and which are being released to you in their entirety.

On January 12, 2018, we approved your request for a fee waiver.

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You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Brian May, USGS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer, at the following address:

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Baltimore, Maryland 21228
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This completes our response under your request. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by phone at (650) 329-4035, by email at foia@usgs.gov, or by mail at 345 Middlefield Road, MS 955, Room M2214, Menlo Park, California 94025.

Sincerely,

Judy Cearley
U.S. Geological Survey
Government Information Specialist

Enclosures (207 pages):
Guidroz Combined Emails
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