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Washington D.C. 20240



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Via email: lipton@nytimes.com

Eric Lipton
The New York Times
1627 I Street NW #700
Washington, DC 2006

RE: DOI-FWS-2024-000284

Dear Eric Lipton:

We are writing to respond to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your request dated January 26, 2024, and assigned tracking number DOI-FWS-2024-000284. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You requested the following *“copies of all email and other written correspondence, including photographs from Nov 2, 2023, through Jan. 26, 2024, or the date of the response to this request, whichever is later, between FAA and Fish and Wildlife as it relates to SpaceX and the Boca Chica and a plan for a Starship launch at the Texas site.”*

Response

For this final response, we processed 448 pages responsive to your request and our determination is as follows: 438 pages being released to you in their entirety, and 10 pages are being referred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a Federal Government agency that is also subject to FOIA. For these records, FAA will issue a response directly to you. You do not have to contact FAA at this time, but should you need to do so in the future, you may do so at:

National Freedom of Information Act Office, AFN-400
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20591
7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@faa.gov

Mediation/Dispute Resolution

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Jones by email at doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Appeal Rights

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this final response. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe this response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and FWS concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and FWS will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240
Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by email at stacey_cummins@fws.gov or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IRTM, Falls Church, VA 22041

Sincerely,

Stacey Cummins
FWS Lead FOIA Coordinator