



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF  
AIR AND RADIATION

February 9, 2023

Mr. Jason Isaac  
Life:Powered, Texas Public Policy Foundation  
901 Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-2023-001238, Final Response

Dear Mr. Isaac:

This letter concerns the above referenced FOIA request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 9, 2022, in which you requested:

*[R]ecords related to the EPA's efforts to support the Nationally Determined Contribution Number developed for the 2030 emissions target. Specifically:*

- 1) *Please provide all final recommendations provided by EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan, EPA employees, or contractors communicating on behalf of EPA to any member or employee of the National Climate Task Force or contractor acting on behalf of the National Climate Task Force regarding the 2030 emissions target.*
- 2) *Please provide all final determinations provided by EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan, EPA employees, or contractors communicating on behalf of EPA to any member or employee of the National Climate Task Force or any contractor acting on behalf of the National Climate Task Force regarding the 2030 emissions target.*
- 3) *Please provide any final qualitative analysis prepared by any EPA employee or contractor acting on behalf of EPA regarding the Nationally Determined Contribution Number that was developed for the 2030 emissions target.*
  - a. *Please provide the inputs or outputs to any model used in preparing a final qualitative analysis responsive to Request Number 3 above.*
- 4) *Please provide any final quantitative analysis prepared by any EPA employee or any contractor acting on behalf of EPA regarding the Nationally Determined Contribution Number that was developed for the 2030 emissions target.*
- 5) *Please provide any final analysis of regulatory and/or technology costs conducted by any EPA employee or contractor acting on behalf of EPA in relation to the 2030 emissions target.*
- 6) *Please provide all documents, communications, analyses and or results from running a mode relating to the "whole-of-government approach," which included "a bottom-up analysis of existing and potential policies and measures the federal level" that NDC document referenced.*

On December 22, 2022, EPA sent a request for clarification of the timeframe for the requested records. On January 18, 2023, you responded and clarified that the timeframe requested was from January 20, 2021, through April 22, 2021.

The Agency has conducted a search and has located no records responsive to this request. The White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy chairs the National Climate Task Force (NCTF), and while the EPA Administrator is a member of the NCTF, the Agency made no final recommendations, final determinations, or final analyses toward the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The “bottom-up analysis of existing and potential policies and measures the federal level” referenced in the NDC was not conducted by EPA.

There will be no charge for processing the request. This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this determination by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to:

National FOIA Office  
U.S. EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)  
Washington, D.C. 20460

or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to:

National FOIA Office  
U.S. EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
WJC-N Building, Room 7309C  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA’s FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; and facsimile, (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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