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Mr. Raymond McKinney
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr. McKinney:

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C 552(a), et seq., I am requesting all investigative reports and/or documents that are in the possession of the Mine Safety & Health Administration concerning their investigation and findings of gas ignitions in shafts and tunnels from 1980 to the present. The term "document" shall mean all written or graphic materials of every kind and description, however produced or reproduced, whether draft or final, original or reproduction, including, but not limited to, letters, correspondence, e-mail, memoranda, file transcripts, memoranda or notes of telephone conversations or personal conversations, photographs, videotapes, news releases, notices, reports, manuals, charts, sketches, and drawings or materials similar to any of the foregoing concerning gas ignitions in shafts or tunnels which were reviewed and/or investigated by MSHA. As set forth in the statute, I expect your response within twenty (20) working days of the receipt of my request.

Very truly yours,



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