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Dear Ms. Elias:

This is in response to your May 28, 2003, Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of Labor for copies of our 10 oldest open or pending Freedom of Information Act requests.

A thorough search of the Mine Safety and Health Administration's records resulted in the enclosed documents. Some information, including a name and address and personal telephone numbers, is withheld from public disclosure under Exemption 6 which protects against invasions of personal privacy. There is no processing fee for fulfilling your request, since the cost was minimal.

I believe that we have been responsive to your request. Should you disagree, you may file an appeal to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date you receive this letter. The appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statement or arguments. To facilitate processing, you may wish to telefax your appeal to: 202-693-5539. The appeal should include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. The appeal must be addressed to:

Solicitor of Labor U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

If you need further assistance, please call W. Lynn Jones of my staff at 202-693-9424.

Sincerely,

Katharine Snyder

Manager

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