

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

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Mr. Jeff Ruch Executive Director Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) 2000 P Street, NW, Suite 240 Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: Response to Freedom of Information Act Request: HQ-FOI-00612-12

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 19, 2012, which was referred to this office on January 24, 2012, specifically for the following information:

- 1. A summary reflecting the percentage or rate of Criminal Investigation Division (CID) agent turnover (or retention) during Fiscal Year 2011, including the seniority level of departing agents;
- 2. A summary of exit interviews from departing agents giving the reason or reasons for their departures; and
- 3. Any analysis of whether CID agents are leaving the agency more quickly after initial training than was the case in prior years.

The Office of Criminal Enforcement Forensics and Training has conducted a records search and has enclosed a document responsive to your first request.

Documents responsive to your second request are exempt from disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(6), which exempts from disclosure information about individuals in personnel and similar files when disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

With regard to your third and final request, the agency has no documents responsive to this request.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may submit a written appeal to the National Freedom of Information Officer, FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T). United States Environmental Protection Agency. 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only). or by fax: (202) 566-2147, or by email: <a href="mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov">hq.foia@epa.gov</a>. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004.

Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, both the appeal letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have additional questions regarding this response, please contact Laurice Redhead of my staff via email at **redhead.laurice@epa.gov** or by telephone at (202) 564-7153.

Sincerely.

Matthew W. Morrison

Deputy Director

Office of Criminal Enforcement,

Forensics & Training

Enclosure

cc: National Freedom of Information Officer FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)