

ARCS: 292-30 File: MOE-2018-86090

February 5, 2019

Sent via email:

Re: Request for Access to Records Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Your request is for:

Regarding two spills of sulphuric acid in the area of Trail, British Columbia, on April 10, 2018 and May 23, 2018 originating from trucks operated by Westcan Bulk Transport Ltd. ("Westcan") and/or International Raw Materials Ltd. ("IRM"), we request the following records relating to any of the following: [specified list] (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/1998 To 08/16/2018)

Further to your adequate search complaint, the Ministry has located additional records in response to your request, which are enclosed. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Further to the points you made on October 19, 2018, the Ministry has provided the following:

• The additional set of records contains emails dated between August 9, 2018 and August 16, 2018.

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- The additional set of records contains documents from Josh Watts and Vernon Novosad.
- Upon full review an IRF was not pursued as the incident did not meet the threshold for investigative/compliance action
- Regarding emails from "Allan" to a reporter is believed to be a misinterpretation. Allan Mole took one of the initial calls for one of the incidents, hence he was 'responding' to the spill rather than to the reporter.
- Regarding emails to Vernon Novosad being referenced, as per standard protocol, the Emergency Contact Center emails the DGIR PDF to the responding officer. There is no content to these emails other than the PDF. As the DGIRs are filed centrally, the response officers may dispose of these emails as transitory records.
- Regarding pages 20 to 21 of the initial response, as per standard protocol, the Emergency Contact Center emails the DGIR PDF to the responding officer. There is no content to these emails other than the PDF. As the DGIRs are filed centrally, the response officers may dispose of these emails as transitory records

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Bradley Cranwell, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 952-6846. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 952-6846.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Bradley Cranwell, Senior FOI Analyst On behalf of Meghan Kane, Manager Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt 4th Floor, 947 Fort Street Victoria BC V8W 9A4 Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.