

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

February 10, 2025 PHMSA FOIA CONTROL #: PHMS-2024-00273

<u>Transmitted via Electronic Mail – Read Receipt Requested</u> Hudson Kingston CURE 117 South 1st Street Montevideo, MN 56265

Dear Mr. Kingston:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 2, 2024 and received in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA's) FOIA Office on the July 3, 2024. You requested the following:

"...records regarding PHMSA's communications with or submissions from Dan Prascher, Arlen Ward, Erin Hart:

- 1. Any records of communications regarding the affected radius model for a potential CO2 release, rupture, dispersion, or plume related to Denbury Gulf Coast Pipelines, LLC (OpID 32545) CO2 pipeline ("Delhi" pipeline) located near Satartia, Mississippi.
- 2. Any records of communications regarding modeling performed for the Denbury Gulf Coast Pipelines, LLC (OpID 32545) CO2 pipeline ("Green" pipeline) located near Sulphur, Louisiana.
- 3. Any records of communications regarding integrity management programs for any currently operational CO2 pipelines.
- 4. Records for #1 to #3 should include, but not be limited to, any modeling conducted using software such as CANARY, ALOHA, or PHAST."

PHMSA conducted a records search in the Office of Pipeline Safety and did not locate records responsive to your request.

Because we did not locate responsive records, you may consider this determination a denial of your record request and file an appeal. *See* Department of Transportation FOIA regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 7.32(d).

If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be made in writing and postmarked or transmitted within ninety calendar days from the date of the final response. In order to be considered an official appeal, it must be addressed as follows:

Executive Director Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Both the appeal and the envelope should be plainly marked "FOIA APPEAL." Please make reference to your assigned FOIA Control Number PHMS-2024-00273 so that we may identify your case promptly. In addition, you should include all information and arguments that form the basis of your appeal. For more information on your right to an administrative appeal, refer to the Department's FOIA regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 7.32(d).

Furthermore, the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation, nor does it affect the timing of filing an appeal. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 E-mail: <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> Web: <u>https://ogis.archives.gov</u> Telephone: 202-741-5770 Fax: 202-741-5769 Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

This concludes our response to your request. If you have questions about your request, you may contact PHMSA's FOIA Office at <u>PHMSA.FOIA@dot.gov</u> or the FOIA Public Liaison by email using the contact information located at <u>https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/foia/foia-contacts</u>.

Sincerely,

/Dele Awoniyi_

Dele Awoniyi, FOIA Officer Office of Chief Counsel Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)