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Ray McInerney  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Interior  
MS 116-SIB  
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request OS-2011-00043

Dear Mr. McInerney:

On October 25, 2010 the State of Wyoming filed a Freedom of Information Act request (OS-2011-00043) under the signature of Governor Dave Freudenthal. On November 5, 2010 this office received your general correspondence acknowledging receipt of that request. To date no further response has been received. The U.S. Department of Interior has been dilatory with regards to this request and that concerns me greatly. I intend to pursue this request to the full extent provided by law and ask for your expeditious response to it now.

Wyoming needs to review the documents requested in order to evaluate how Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Ned Farquhar has made decisions and policies concerning mineral leases on public lands and the extent to which special interests have influenced those decisions and policies. The State of Wyoming intends to disseminate the relevant information to the public in order to inform the public and improve the public's understanding about the operations and activities of the Department of Interior. Consequently, we again request a waiver of all FOIA processing fees.

I look forward to receiving your immediate response to FOIA request OS-2011-00043. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact either Deputy Attorney General Jay Jerde or Senior Assistant Attorney General James Kaste at 307-777-6946.

Best regards,



Matthew H. Mead  
Governor