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Inventory for FOIA 2014-0022-F

Selected Records related to Biofuel Policy

Extent

1,367 email messages and electronic files, and 337 pages of textual records

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Cheney Vice Presidential records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal restrictions and exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of the Richard Cheney vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, February 2016. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of FOIA case 2014-0022-F.

This series contains email messages, electronic files, and textual records related to alternative and renewable energy, fuel standards, and biofuel policy formulated during the George W. Bush Administration.

The electronic material in this series consists of publicly available reports and analyses from the CATO Institute, Bernstein Research, the International Strategy and Investment Group (ISI), the Congressional Research Service, the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), the National Commission on Energy Policy, and the National Economic Council; weekly legislative correspondence summaries containing references to energy policy; and forwarded news articles generally related to biofuel and alternative energy, including pieces on topics such as global warming, offshore oil and gas drilling, the failure of a manure-to-power venture, funding for cellulosic ethanol, and other energy-related issues. There are many emails between staff members responding to these reports and articles.

Also present in these electronic records are final drafts of the January 2007 State of the Union address; press statements about the address from various organizations including the National Corn Growers Association, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, and the National Small Business Conference; a State of the Union policy initiatives document distributed to White House staff members; and fact sheets entitled "Strengthening America's Energy" and "Improving the Environment," and regarding various other issues discussed in the 2007 State of the Union address. Additionally, the material includes speeches, memoranda, and other background information on energy-related issues such as fuel standards, ethanol, climate change, and energy legislation.

Also included are scheduling emails for an energy briefing with several agencies, White House officials, and members of Congress; background memoranda on a Department of Energy renewable energy conference; a Chevron print ad on energy security/interdependence which appeared in several newspapers and major national magazines; an ethanol market tracker after President Bush's 2007 State of the Union energy initiative; reporting on former Senator Tom Daschle's views on George W. Bush's Alternative Fuels Standard proposed in the 2007 State of the Union address; and data on national Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in 2004-2006.

Textual records include articles and reports on the benefits and impacts of alternative fuels; graphs and drawings of proposed alternative fuel engines from private foundations; letters from energy consulting firms and organizations highlighting the benefits of fuel cell technology; invitations to attend expositions and presentations on alternative energy and fuel cells; letters from domestic policy staff responding to invitations and inquiries from those firms and organizations; informational packets about new energy labs, facilities, and advanced technologies; outside recommendations for renewable fuels legislation; assessments of the impacts of various environmental regulations on fuel supplies; articles and reports regarding fuel cells; and brochures from the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers on advanced technology vehicles.

Please note that a large portion of the records responsive to this FOIA case is restricted from release under the Presidential Records Act.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection and the Office of Domestic Policy Files found within the White House Staff Member and Office Files.

The Cheney Vice Presidential Electronic Records collection includes both email messages and electronic files from shared drives maintained by the Office of the Vice President. These records are maintained in the Executive Office of the President instance of the Electronic Records Archive (EOP ERA) which contains electronic records created or received by the administration of President George W. Bush. These electronic records are born-digital files and are primarily .eml, .pdf, .ppt, .wpd, and .doc files.

The responsive electronic records retrieved from EOP ERA are saved in search results lists (SRLs) and are arranged chronologically by creation date.

Office of Domestic Policy Files are the textual records created and/or maintained by White House staff members within this office. These files document all levels of administration activity.

These records are processed at the folder level and the documents within are maintained in their original order. Since the files are processed at the folder level, individual documents contained within these folders may not be wholly responsive to the subject area of this FOIA request.

The following is a list of SRLs and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0022-F:

Cheney Vice Presidential Records: Electronic Records

Exchange Email

This SRL contains 965 responsive email messages from July 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007 containing at least one of the following terms: "Twenty in Ten," Alternative Fuel Standard," "Renewable Fuel Standard," "35 billion gallons," "safety valve," or "gasoline tax."

Exchange Email, From Hutto

This SRL contains 79 responsive email messages sent by Office of Domestic Policy staffer Chase Hutto to Neel Kashkari (Department of Energy), Benjamin Ho (Council of Economic Advisors), Keith Hennessey (National Economic Council), and/or Alexander Karsner (Department of Energy) between July 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007.

Exchange Email, To Hutto

This SRL contains 80 responsive email messages sent by Neel Kashkari (Department of Energy), Benjamin Ho (Council of Economic Advisors), Keith Hennessey (National Economic Council), or Alexander Karsner (Department of Energy) to Office of Domestic Policy staffer Chase Hutto between July 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007.

VP Share, Search 1

This SRL contains 149 responsive electronic files composed of .pdf, .ppt and .doc files from shared drives maintained by the Office of Domestic Policy containing at least one of the following terms: "Twenty in Ten," Alternative Fuel Standard," "Renewable Fuel Standard," "35 billion gallons," "safety valve," or "gasoline tax."

VP Share, Search 2

This SRL contains 27 responsive electronic files composed of .pdf, ppt. and .doc files from shared drives maintained by the Office of Domestic Policy containing at least one of the following terms: "Twenty in Ten," Alternative Fuel Standard," "Renewable Fuel Standard," "35 billion gallons," "safety valve," or "gasoline tax."

VP Share, Search 3

This SRL contains 67 responsive electronic files composed of .pdf and .doc files from shared drives maintained by the Office of Domestic Policy containing at least one of the following terms: "Twenty in Ten," Alternative Fuel Standard," "Renewable Fuel Standard," "35 billion gallons," "safety valve," or "gasoline tax."

Cheney Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files

Office of Domestic Policy

Andrew Lundquist Energy Files

Alternative Fuels [OA/ID 00013]

Conservation: Fuel Efficiency [OA/ID 00016]

Energy Infrastructure Security [OA/ID 00016]

Fuels Cells [OA/ID 00017]

Fuels Briefing – American Petroleum [OA/ID 00017]

Renewable Fuel Technologies [OA/ID 00020]

Neil Patel Files

Energy: Alternative Fuels [OA/ID 00593]

Energy: Fuel Cells [OA/ID 00593]

Fuel Alternatives [OA/ID 00597]

Fuel Cells [OA/ID 00597]

Fuel Diversity [OA/ID 00597]

Fuels: ETBE [OA/ID 00597]

Fuels: Purinax [OA/ID 00597]

Energy Security [OA/ID 00597]

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