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Dear [REDACTED]:


This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on April 5, 2016 via email. Your request for assistance pertains to your records request to the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

OGIS was created to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. Please know that OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

OGIS provides mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. After opening a case, OGIS gathers information from the requester and the agency to learn more about the nature of the dispute. This process helps us gather necessary background information, assess whether the issues are appropriate for mediation, and determine the willingness of the parties to engage in our services. As part of our information gathering, OGIS carefully reviewed your submission of information.

You requested assistance obtaining estimated dates of completion for several FOIA appeals that are pending at FAA. OGIS contacted the agency and learned that you are currently in litigation with the FAA, the outcome of which may potentially affect several of your pending FOIA requests. Because OGIS provides a non-exclusive alternative to litigation, we cannot assist with cases in which a requester is in litigation with an agency.




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Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Acting Director

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.