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Mr. John Ellis
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW (MC 2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Ellis,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received your notification regarding recent allegations of unauthorized disposition of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) records as reported in multiple media sources.

Your notification cited a press release and formal complaint from Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and a news article from *The Intercept* reporting that managers and career staff in the EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention altered the assessments of dozens of chemicals to make them appear safer.

NARA understands that EPA is currently investigating these allegations. Please provide a comprehensive report, in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16, as soon as EPA's investigation has concluded. Your report should have specific details on the disposition of the records at issue, a description (including volume and disposition authority) of the affected records, and a statement, if appropriate, describing the safeguards to prevent future losses of records.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at Laurence.Brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government