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October 21, 2021

Mr. Patrick Dege
Department of the Interior
Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement
MS: SIB-146
1951 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Dege,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received your notification of unauthorized disposition of records from the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). Your notification indicated that on September 22, 2021, the OSMRE had a file server outage that impacted the Washington, DC headquarters office; Lexington, Kentucky Applicant Violator System office; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania office; and Alton, Illinois office.

NARA understands that even though the file server was brought back on-line on September 27, 2021, the OSMRE has identified that data stored on the failed file server between July 5, 2021 and September 27, 2021 was lost, and that the OSMRE is unclear of the total extent of which records were lost, but have begun surveying users to determine what records are part of the loss.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that the OSMRE provide a final report within 30 calendar days that includes, as applicable: a complete description of the records affected; a statement of what safeguards have been put into place (or will be put into place) to prevent any future unauthorized disposition of records, and any actions taken to attempt to restore or reconstruct the affected records. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence N. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

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

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