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Paulette Murray
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Paulette Murray:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is contacting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about a potential unauthorized disposition of records. The May 21, 2025 edition of the Bloomberg FOIA Files Newsletter contains reporting on the misdoings of two disgruntled employees of the firm Opexus. These employees allegedly deleted databases from Opexus systems, and EPA was identified as an Opexus customer affected by the FOIAXpress data loss. NARA requests that the EPA determine whether any of its databases were compromised or if any data loss occurred during this incident.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that EPA respond within 30 calendar days to this request. If it is determined that an unauthorized disposition of records has occurred, the response should include the following information:

- A complete description of the records, and disposition authority number, with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the records;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- Details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If it is determined that there has been no unauthorized disposition, please provide us with sufficient information to support that finding. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you

have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program by email at UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fischer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "William" and last name "Fischer" clearly legible.

WILLIAM FISCHER
Chief Records Officer
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