



Inventory for FOIA Request 2014-0245-F

Records on Development of the 2004 EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Report and Influence on the Energy Policy Act of 2005

Extent

15 folders, approximately 1,485 pages / 1,705 assets

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to George W. Bush 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 records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of George W. Bush's presidency are housed at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and are administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processing by

Staff Archivists, 2022. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released. Last Modified: 09/12/2022

Scope and Content

The materials in FOIA 2014-0245-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2014-0245-F requested materials related to the development of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2004 report *Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas and Its Potential Impact on Drinking Water Resources* and the influence of this report in the development of the Energy Policy Act of 2005's exclusion of hydraulic fracturing from the regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

This FOIA primarily contains memoranda, news articles, e-mails, letters and reports. The bulk of these materials are correspondence between administration officials, legislators and the general public as well as routing memoranda. Included in these records are reports titled "A History of

Building 828, Sandia National Laboratories” and “Tech Area II: A History.” Electronic records include meeting schedules and plans, press queries for Vice President Cheney regarding the relationship between Halliburton and hydraulic fracturing, copies of a report on the Vice President’s energy task force, a court filing for “In Re: Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States, Et Al, Petitioners,” copies of the EPA’s report on the impact of hydraulic fracturing on underground sources of drinking water, press follow-up to the EPA report, congressional correspondence concerning hydraulic fracturing, congressional testimony of government officials and interest groups, analysis of energy legislation, drafts of nominee answers to confirmation hearing questions, draft and final Statements of Administration Policy, Cabinet Reports, and draft and final copies of the Energy Policy Acts of 2003 and 2005.

System of Arrangement

The materials in FOIA 2014-0245-F are a systematic body of records responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult an archivist about related materials.

Records responsive to this FOIA were found in these collection areas – White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, Staff Member Office Files, and George W. Bush Presidential Electronic Records.

The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Subject Files and Alpha Files were compiled by staff in the White House Office of Records Management and are a series of documents assigned a letter/number combination and filed in a series of categories by subject. WHORM Subject Files and WHORM Alpha Files are processed at the document level.

Staff Member Office Files are maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

The Executive Office of the President (EOP) instance of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by President George W. Bush. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program, such as Exchange Email or the Worker and Visitor Entry System (WAVES). In addition to records captured from the White House’s electronic systems, EOP-ERA also contains records from the home and shared drives used by White House staff.

The following is a list of electronic search results lists (SRLs) and folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0245-F:

George W. Bush Electronic Records

ARMS contains 287 assets, of which 173 are released in full, 17 are withheld in part, and 97 are withheld in full.

Exchange contains 1,286 assets, of which 1,158 are released in full, 54 are withheld in part, and 74 are withheld in full.

33 Days contains 2 assets, all of which are released in full.

40 Days contains 57 assets, of which 48 are released in full, 4 are withheld in part, and 5 are withheld in full.

RNC_PST contains 13 assets, of which 12 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in part.

CEA contains 25 assets, of which 23 are released in full, and 2 are withheld in full.

OA contains 16 assets, all of which are released in full.

OPD contains 7 assets, of which 6 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in full.

WHO contains 12 assets, of which 11 are released in full, and 1 is withheld in full.

George W. Bush Textual Records

Box 1

Records Management, White House Office of

Subject Files - FG006-03A (Chief of Staff, Office Files)

573729

Subject Files - FG006-027 (Office of Senior Advisor - Karl Rove)

536063

668290 [1]

668290 [2]

670253 [1]

670253 [2]

692546

Subject Files - FG025 (Department of Energy)

668411

Box 2

Subject Files - PL (Political Affairs)

630200

Subject Files - PR013-08 (Opinions - Statements - Questionnaires - Articles)

638331

Subject Files - UT (Utilities)

669505

669822

Staff Member Office Files

Speechwriting, White House Office of

Michel, Christopher (Chris) - Chron Files

08/08/2005 - Signing of HR 6 Energy Policy Act of 2005 [1]

08/08/2005 - Signing of HR 6 Energy Policy Act of 2005 [2]

Staff Secretary, White House Office of the

Kavanaugh, Brett - Speech Files

08/08/2005 – Signing of H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2005 [768876]