

EDF's Explanatory Note on Records Pertaining to the Endangerment Finding

The Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) released these records in response to EDF’s Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request for records that relate to the Endangerment Finding for Greenhouse Gases (2009). The Endangerment Finding is a science-based determination by EPA—based on a thorough review of a vast body of peer-reviewed scientific literature—that greenhouse gases pose a danger to the public health and welfare. Under the Clean Air Act, the Endangerment Finding requires EPA to protect the public by limiting emissions of these dangerous pollutants. EDF submitted its FOIA request in response to concerns that, under President Trump and Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA would attempt to undermine this crucial finding—despite the fact that it is consistent with a large and growing body of scientific evidence and has been upheld by federal courts against numerous legal challenges.

Due to the large file sizes, we have posted only an excerpt of the documents on this website. You can download all of the files released through this FOIA request from [FOIAonline](#).

We encourage you to explore these records on your own. Items of interest in the excerpt that we posted may include:

- An April 17, 2017 email chain discussing a draft report on Climate Change Impacts and Risk Analysis (CIRA). Although EPA’s website [suggests](#) that the next CIRA report was scheduled for 2017, the report has still not been released (as of April 18, 2018). (p. 1092-93)
- A January 12, 2017 email attaching a timeline of “climate science milestones” to be posted “in conjunction with the museum launch.” It is unclear what became of the timeline, but the Trump Administration has [made changes](#) to EPA’s museum. (p. 1101)

EDF has not altered this production in any way. All redactions were implemented by EPA. The excerpt we have posted corresponds to pages 1,027-1,105 of EPA’s January 10, 2018 production.

We encourage you to [contact us](#) with your observations about these documents.