UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20910

OFFICE OF OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

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Todd Campbell
365 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2010-00502

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This letter responds to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Maximilian Webster, formerly of your law office, in which he requested 1) copies of documents containing ambient air quality readings from every monitoring station in Southern Louisiana including Chalmette, Venice, New Orleans, and surrounding areas from April 2010 until the present; 2) water quality monitoring records for the same period of time and region; and 3) copies of documents or information concerning the United States Coast Guard directing British Petroleum to monitor water and air levels.

I regret that we are unable to assist you. Our search of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) records failed to identify any records in our files that would respond to your request. Though not directly responsive to your request, you can find other information reporting on NOAA's science that may assist in your inquiry at http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/csd/tropchem/2010gulf/ and http://www.noaa.gov/deepwaterhorizon/.

Based on the above information, this constitutes a denial of your request. You have the right to appeal this denial to your FOIA request. Your appeal must be received within 30 calendar days of the date of initial denial letter by the Assistant General Counsel for Administration. Address your appeal to the following office:

Assistant General Counsel for Administration (Office)
Room 5898-C
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Your appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by fax to (202) 482-2552.

The appeal must include:

- a copy of the original request;
- the response to your request; and
- a statement of the reason why the denial of the records was in error.

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The appeal letter, the envelope, the e-mail subject line, and the fax cover sheet should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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Sincerely,

Craig N. McLean
Acting Assistant Administrator