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Mr. Paul Maclean  
Maclean Land Services, Inc.  
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Houma, LA 70361

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Maclean:

This Office received your public records request on May 14, 2009, that stated the following:

...please supply for inspection and possible duplication by me (or my assigns) all contracts and/or extensions of contracts between the 1997 law firm of Biggs, Trowbridge, Supple & Cremaldi and/or the 2000 law firm of Biggs, Trowbridge, Supple, Cremaldi & Curet, L.L.P. (and or their successor law firms) and/or Mr. Newman Trowbridge, Jr., individually, that may have existed and/or that now exists in any manner connected to the State Mineral Board and/or the Department of Natural Resources that were administered under the direction of the Attorney General's Office since (and/or simultaneous in time with) DNR Contract No. 431LE-97-06 and DNR Contract No. 2004-00-03.

We have checked with individuals in the Civil Division who maintain contracts received on behalf of the State Mineral Board and/or the Department of Natural Resources, and have not been able to locate any contracts corresponding with your request in our possession. Pursuant to La. R.S. 44:36 and the record retention schedule for the Office of the Attorney General, it is possible that documents related to your request have been disposed of in accordance with our guidelines for record retention.

It is our understanding that the Office of Contractual Review may be required to maintain copies of such contracts for a longer period than is this Office. Thus, should you so desire, we recommend that you contact that Office with your inquiry.

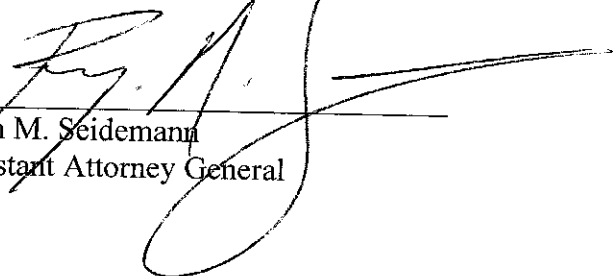
We trust that this information is fully responsive to your request. However, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Ryan M. Seidemann  
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