§ 201.14 Appeals.

(a)(1) Appeals of adverse determinations. If you are dissatisfied with the Board’s response to your request, you may appeal to the Board’s Executive Director:

(i) By mail to: Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006;

(ii) By e-mail to: FOIA@ratb.gov; or

(iii) By fax to: 202-254-7970.

(2) The appeal must be in writing and must be received within 30 days of the date of the Board’s response. The appeal letter, e-mail or fax may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the Board determination that you are appealing, including the assigned request number, if known. For prompt handling, please mark your appeal “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

(b) Responses to appeals. Requestors shall be notified in writing of the decision on the appeal. A decision affirming an adverse determination shall include a statement of the reason(s) for the affirmation, including any FOIA exemption(s) applied, and shall include the FOIA provisions for court review of the decision. If the adverse determination is reversed or modified on appeal, the request shall be reprocessed in accordance with that appeal decision.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) Denial of appeal. An adverse determination by the Executive Director shall be the final action of the Board.

§ 201.15 Preservation of records.

The Board shall preserve all correspondence pertaining to the requests that it receives under this subpart, as well as copies of all requested records, until disposition or destruction is authorized by title 44 of the United States Code of the National Archives and Records Administration’s General Records Schedule 14. Records will not be disposed of while they are the subject of a pending request, appeal, or lawsuit.

§ 201.16 Other rights and services.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to entitle any person, as a right, to any service or to the disclosure of any record to which such person is entitled under the FOIA.

§ 201.17 How to track a FOIA request.

(a) Tracking number. The Board will issue a tracking number to all FOIA requesters within 5 days of the receipt of the request (as described in §201.7(b)). The tracking number will be sent via electronic mail if the requester has provided an electronic mail address. Otherwise, the Board will mail the tracking number to the requester’s physical address, as provided in the FOIA request.

(b) Status of request. FOIA requesters may check the status of their FOIA request(s) by contacting the FOIA Officer at FOIA@ratb.gov or (202) 254-7900.