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Subject: geothermal report

Dear Mr. Creed --

DOE in Washington (Stephanie Mueller) referred me to you on some questions I have regarding the 2006 MIT-led, DOE-funded report on geothermal energy. Among the lead authors were Prof. Jefferson Tester and Ms. Susan Petty. I am currently in California doing interviews on a DOE-funded geothermal project, and have previously traveled to Switzerland (Basel) and France (Soultz project) for the same story. Could we discuss my questions sometime next week at your convenience? I will be back in New York on Tuesday and could talk anytime after that.

Thanks very much for your consideration. In the interest of time, I will send an advance request on one particular set of questions regarding the MIT report: This question relates to the very confusing web of company affiliations I've found among the authors of the MIT-led, DOE-funded report. As a first step in understanding those affiliations, I would like to request the conflict-of-interest statements (or forms, if that is what they are) that authors and reviewers of the study had to file. I presume these statements or forms laid out company and other affiliations that could have influenced the views of authors and reviewers on the viability of geothermal energy. If you can kindly have those statements forwarded as soon as possible, it would be very much appreciated. I can put this request in the form of a FOIA if it helps you get the bureaucratic wheels turning there. If you'd like, I can also send a specific list of names, but they are, of course, those in the author and acknowledgement lists in the report.

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