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Re: Public Records Request 10/31/2026 to Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners

Dear Mr. White,

I am responding to your public records request received on 10/31/2026 by the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (OSBGE). You requested public records for the date range of 01/01/2023 to the date of OSBGE's response, excluding any records concerning yourself. The records you requested are:

"*[a]ll communications sent to or received from either of these Oregon State Police accounts, through any channel the agency uses: emails, Microsoft Teams chat and channel messages, text messages, and voicemail, including attachments and replies:*

- *Captain Kyle Kennedy, Government and Media Relations (kyle.kennedy@osp.oregon.gov)*
- *OSP Public Information Officer (osppio@osp.oregon.gov)*"

OSBGE serves as the State of Oregon's professional licensure board for the geology profession. In this role, the Board oversees licensure (aka registration) for Geologists-in-Training, Registered Geologists, and Certified Engineering Geologists which are collectively referred to as the registrants of OSBGE. OSBGE also reviews applications to sit for the various licensure examinations required for these three registration types. OSBGE is a board with 6 members, 5 of whom are volunteers appointed by the Governor and 1 member who serves as the State Geologist. OSBGE is served by 2 staff working part-time. Information about OSBGE can be found at its website here: https://www.oregon.gov/osbge/Pages/default.aspx.

Unlike some of Oregon's licensure boards, OSBGE does not have authority to require criminal background checks as part of its applications for either examinations or registrations. These applications are reviewed only against standards for education, examination, and work experience. OSBGE does have certain authority to consider complaints alleging unlicensed practice of geology or misconduct by registrants but has a relatively low complaint load. There has been no instance of OSBGE communicating with

Oregon State Police in relation to complaint investigations. Finally, OSBGE has not encountered any situations with members of the public during its meetings or otherwise that has resulted in any form of communications with the Oregon State Police. OSBGE has not made any referrals to the Oregon State Police about any registrants or members of the public. In summary, OSBGE has not had any need to communicate with the Oregon State Police in the conduct of its licensure-related work for the State of Oregon.

I have worked as staff for OSBGE for the entire date range covered in your request and can attest to OSBGE not having any responsive public records. I can further attest that OSBGE does not have any potentially responsive public records considered exempt from disclosure.

Since OSBGE does not have any public records responsive to your request, your request for a fee waiver or reduction is moot.

This response has been sent to rsw@rswfire.com given your stated preference for correspondence provided in relation to your request to be electronic.

Sincerely,



Christine Valentine, Board Administrator