

# USGS deploras release of confidential papers on wikileaks

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**The discussions regarding the future of the USGS and the Volcano Observatories are commercially sensitive and the release is damaging.**

U.S. Geological Survey is very concerned by the release of confidential information on wikileaks. We can confirm that discussions regarding the future funding of the Volcano Observatories have been on-going with both the current and the previous government. These discussions have not been concluded and it would be premature to draw conclusions regarding the future shape of the organisation. Any suggestions that the sale of the Observatories has already been agreed are deeply damaging and may adversely impact the negotiations. We will not be making further comments at this point.

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