

**From:** [DOI, WatchOffice](#)  
**Subject:** (SPOTREP - 2021-065) Main Interior Building Demonstration - Washington, DC 14OCT21 1300 EDT  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 12:18:28 PM

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Good afternoon,

The Interior Operations Center has updated the [DOI Common Operating Picture](#) with a Spot Report (SPOTREP) for your review.

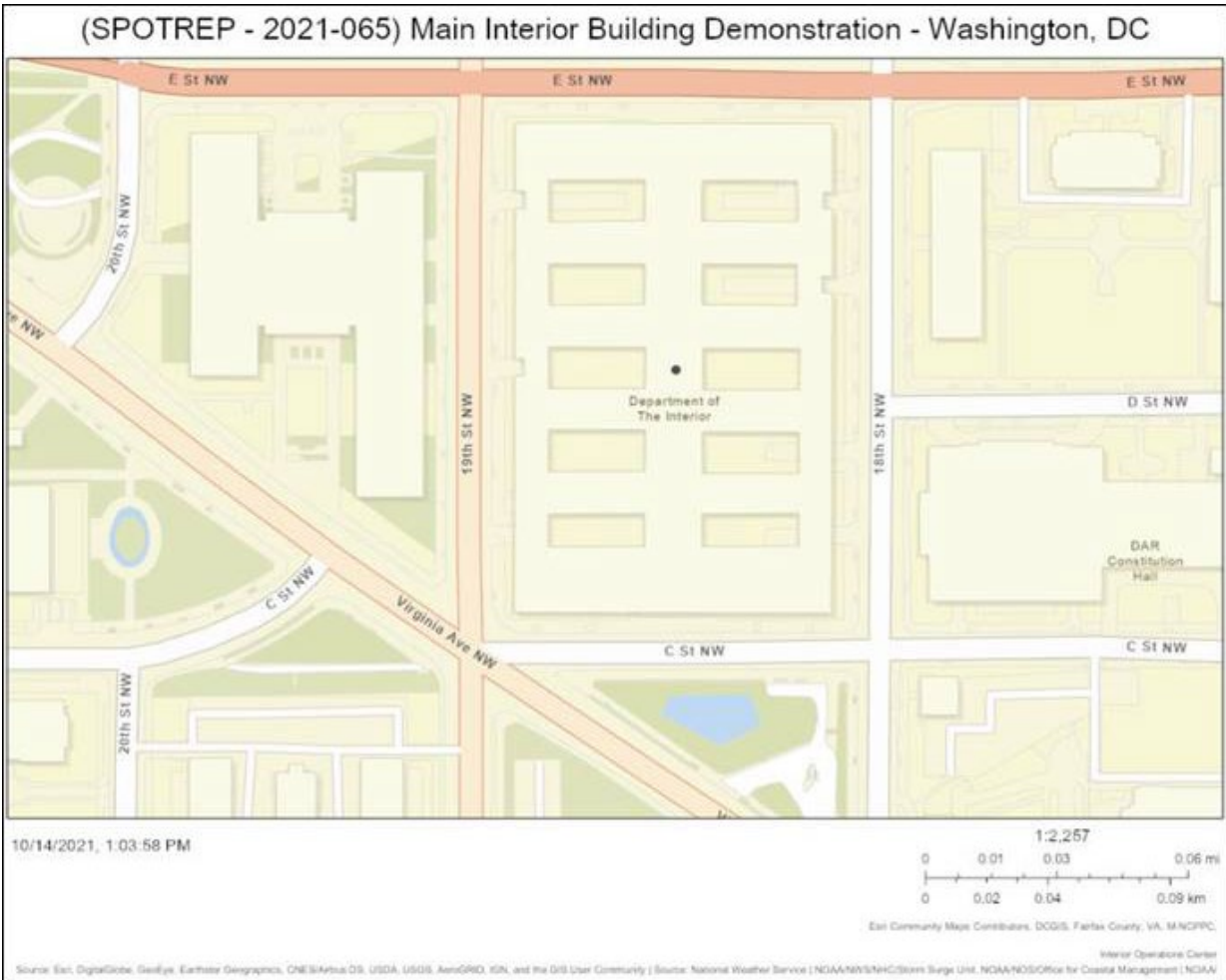
On October 14, a group of approximately 100 demonstrators representing a group called 'People vs. Fossil Fuels' gathered at the U.S. Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MIB) entrance at 1849 C Street, NW from a previously held demonstration at Lafayette Park near the White House.

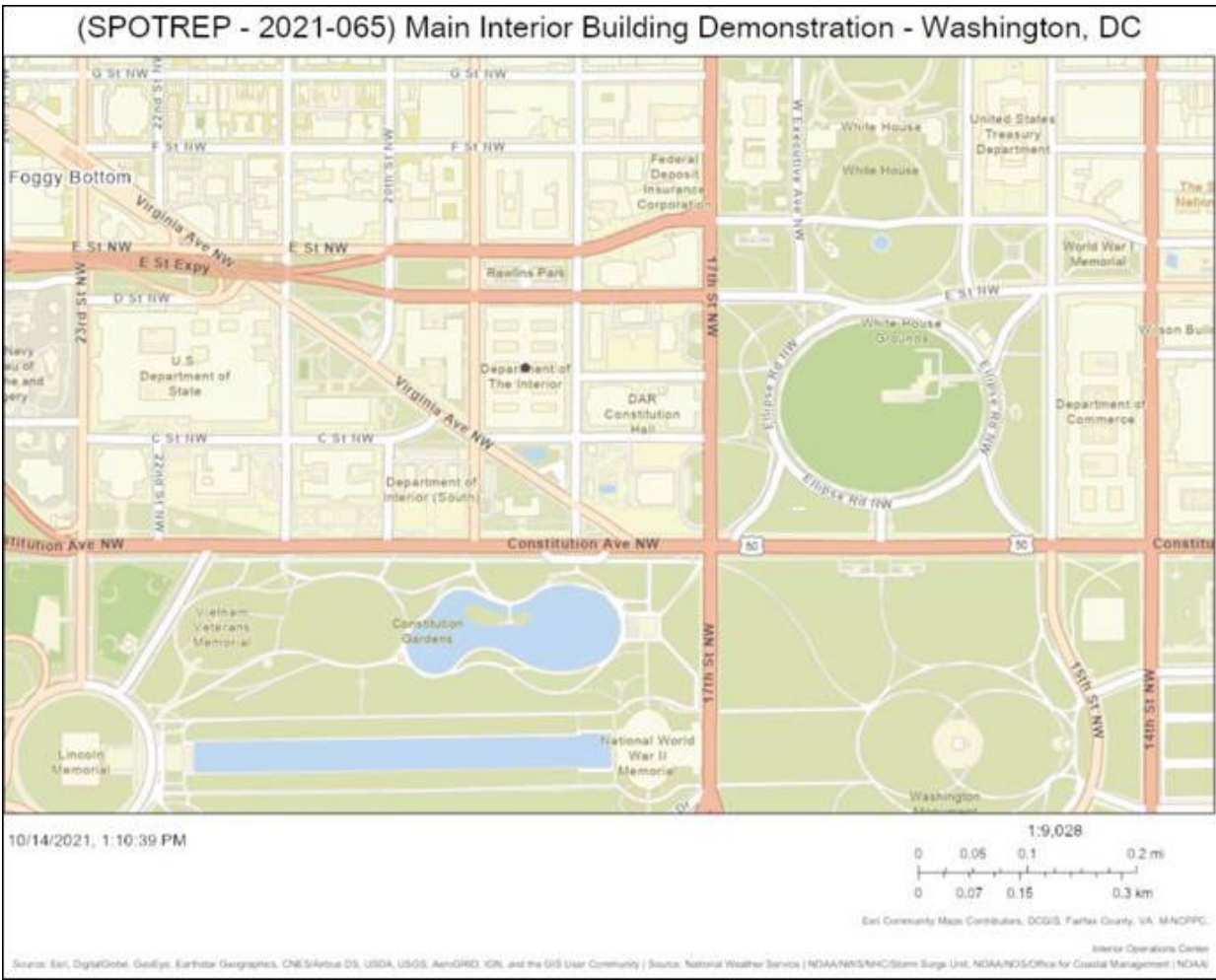
A contingent of the demonstrators entered the facility and handcuffed themselves to the doors of the building. Federal Protective Service (FPS), USPP units, and USPP SWAT all responded to the scene.

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There are currently no threats to DOI personnel.





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**From:** [Bitsui, Marian K](#)  
**To:** [Conrad, David F](#); [Newland, Bryan](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Protests at Stewart Lee Udall Main Interior Building  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 12:41:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon!

Alerting you to the media coverage coming. Let me know if you all would like to release any statements on social media.

[\(1\) indianz.com on Twitter: "A group of Indigenous activists and allies are occupying the central office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. Read their statement, courtesy @JenniferKFalcon and @IENearth. #LandBack #StopLine3 #NoDAPL #DC https://t.co/mVToysmfQa" / Twitter](#)



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**From:** Announcement, DOI <DOI\_ANNOUNCEMENT@IOS.DOI.GOV>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:34 PM

**Subject:** Protests at Stewart Lee Udall Main Interior Building



Dear MIB Occupants,

Currently (1:30 PM EST) a group of protestors have gathered on the sidewalk outside and inside of the C Street Lobby area at the Stewart Lee Udall Main Interior Building (1849 C Street NW Washington DC 20240). Federal Protective Service, Park Police, and DOI Office of Law Enforcement and Security personnel have responded to the area to mitigate the situation. The C and E Street lobbies has been temporarily closed to entry and exit. All MIB garage ramps have also been temporarily closed for entry and exit. An update will be provided as things evolve.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

If you see any suspicious behavior, please contact the Security Operations Center at 202-208-5803.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Rusten, Director  
Office of Facilities and Administrative Services (OFAS)

**From:** [Schwartz, Melissa A](#)  
**To:** [Schwartz, Melissa A](#)  
**Subject:** Statement regarding protests at Main Interior Building  
**Date:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 2:10:06 PM

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Please see below for a statement for the record:

“Early this afternoon, a group of protestors entered the Stewart Lee Udall Main Interior Building. Federal Protective Service personnel responded to the area to mitigate the situation. Multiple injuries were sustained by security personnel, and one officer has been transported to a nearby hospital. Medics representing both the Department and the protestors were present.

“Secretary Haaland is traveling and not in Washington, D.C.

“Interior Department leadership believes strongly in respecting and upholding the right to free speech and peaceful protest. Centering the voices of lawful protestors is and will continue to be an important foundation of our democracy. It is also our obligation to keep everyone safe. We will continue to do everything we can to de-escalate the situation while honoring first amendment rights.

“Protesters who refuse to obey the law and leave the building after multiple warnings may be arrested. Updates will be provided as available.”

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