

Congress to probe how IRS emails could go missing (Update)

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This March 5, 2014 file photo shows former Internal Revenue Service (IRS) official Lois Lerner speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Internal Revenue Service has lost more emails connected to the tea party investigation, congressional investigators said Tuesday. The IRS said last Friday it had lost an untold number of emails when Lois Lerner's computer crashed in 2011. Lerner used to head the division that handles applications for tax-exempt status. (AP Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke, File)

Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen (KOSS-kuh-nenn) is telling Congress that eight federal employees connected to the tea party investigation experienced hard drive crashes.

Koskinen says it's not clear whether all eight of the hard drive crashes resulted in lost emails.

In the past week the IRS acknowledged it can't produce emails from some of the officials connected to the investigation. Among the missing emails are those from former IRS executive Lois Lerner, who is at the center of the probe. Her computer crashed in 2011.

Koskinen says the IRS took additional steps to retrieve Lerner's data but was unsuccessful.

Koskinen is testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee. He says the IRS will provide more of Lerner's emails to Congress today.

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