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09/30/2025

The following **Annual Freedom of Information Act** report covers the Period 10/01/2024, through 09/30/2025, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552.

I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

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II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

1. Submit a FOIA request through EPA's Public Access Link (PAL): <https://foiapublicaccessportal.epa.gov>
2. An electronic government submission website established pursuant to [5 U.S.C. 552\(m\)](#), such as *FOIA.gov*
3. U.S. Mail sent to the following address: National FOIA Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (2310A), Washington, DC 20460; or

4. Overnight delivery service to National FOIA Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania NW, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.

III. ABBREVIATION, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Abbreviation Component used:

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
Region 01	Region 1 (States: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
Region 02	Region 2 (States: NJ, NY, PR USVI)
Region 03	Region 3 (States: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV, 7 federally recognized Tribes)
Region 04	Region 4 (States: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
Region 05	Region 5 (States: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
Region 06	Region 6 (States: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)
Region 07	Region 7 (States: IA, KS, MO, NE)
Region 08	Region 8 (States: CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)
Region 09	Region 9 (States: AZ, CA, HI, NV, AS, GU)
Region 10	Region 10 (States: AK, ID, OR, WA, 271 federally recognized Tribes)
HQ	Headquarters

2. Definition of terms used in this report:

- a. **Administrative Appeal** - a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.

- b. **Average Number** - the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.
- c. **Backlog** - the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
- d. **Component** - for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
- e. **Consultation** - the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
- f. **Exemption 3 Statute** - a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
- g. **FOIA Request** - a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report.

Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- h. **Full Grant** - an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request

- i. **Full Denial** - an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.
- j. **Median Number** - the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. **Multi-Track Processing** - a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
- l. **Expedited Processing** - an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
- m. **Simple Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non- expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
- n. **Complex Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- o. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** - in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- p. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- q. **Perfect Request** - a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- r. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- s. **Range in Number of Days** - the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- t. **Time Limits** - the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

3. Concise descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions:

- **Exemption 1** - classified national defense and foreign relations information
- **Exemption 2** - internal agency rules and practices
- **Exemption 3** - information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
- **Exemption 4** - trade secrets and other confidential business information
- **Exemption 5** - inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
- **Exemption 6** - information involving matters of personal privacy
- **Exemption 7** - records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records:
 - (a) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings;
 - (b) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication;
 - (c) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
 - (d) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source;
 - (e) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions; or
 - (f) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
- **Exemption 8** - information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
- **Exemption 9** - geological information on wells

3. Agency Component Abbreviations

IV. Exemption 3 Statutes

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
18 U.S.C. 208 (d)(1)	Providing that “a copy of any determination granting an exemption under subsection (b)(1) or (b)(3) [from application of penalties for acts affecting personal financial interests determined to constitute bribery, graft, or conflicts of interest] shall be made available to the public,” but exempting from this disclosure requirement “any information contained in the determination that would be exempt from	Seife v. NIH, 874 F. Supp. 2d 248, 256 (S.D.N.Y. 2012)	Region 01	1	1

	disclosure under section 552 of title 5".				
28 U.S.C. § 652(d)	"[C]onfidential dispute resolution communications".	Yelder v. DOD, 577 F. Supp. 2d 342, 346-47 (D.D.C. 2008)	HQ	1	2
			Region 01	1	
42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7)(H)(iii)	Certain off-site consequence analysis information and any ranking of stationary sources derived from the information.	N/A	Region 03	2	2
5 U.S.C. § 407 (formerly at 5 U.S.C. app. 3 § 7(b))	Names of employees who provide information or complaints to the Inspector General.	Wash. Post Co. v. Special Inspector Gen. for Afg. Reconstr., 486 F. Supp. 3d 141,166 (D.D.C. 2020)	HQ	1	1
5 U.S.C. § 420(b)(2)(B)	The disclosure of the identity of any individual making a complaint of fraud, waste, or abuse to an Office of Inspector General.	N/A	HQ	4	4

5 U.S.C. § 13109(a)(2) (formerly at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 107(a)(2))	Confidential financial disclosure report pertaining to certain government employees	Meyerhoff v. EPA, 958 F.2d 1498, 1500-02 (9th Cir. 1992); Boyd v. Exec. Off. for U.S. Att'ys, 161 F. Supp. 3d 1, 7 (D.D.C. 2015); Seife v. NIH, 874 F. Supp. 2d 248, 254 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).	HQ	2	2
*7 U.S.C. § 136i-1(b)	"[D]ata, including the location from which the data was derived, that would directly or indirectly reveal the identity of individual producers [of certain pesticides]"	Doe v. Veneman, 380 F.3d 807, 817 (5th Cir. 2004).	Region 04	5	17
			HQ	12	
26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105	Certain tax return information, to include Taxpayer Identification Numbers of third parties, and certain tax	Church of Scientology v. IRS, 484 U.S. 9, 15 (1987) (26 U.S.C. § 6103); Elec. Priv. Info. Ctr. v. IRS, 910 F.3d 1232,	Region 02	1	1

	convention information.	1237 (D.C. Cir. 2018); Leonard v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury, 590 F. App'x. 141, 143-44 (3d Cir. 2014) (per curiam); Pac. Fisheries, Inc. v. IRS, 395 F. App'x. 438, 440 (9th Cir. 2010) (unpublished disposition) (26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105); Nosal v. IRS, 523 F. Supp. 3d 72, 79 (D.D.C. 2021).			
41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1))	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts.	Lenahan v. HHS, No. 23-06041, 2025 WL 1159878, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2025); Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15	Region 08	1	2
			Region 09	1	

		(S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09- 00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).			
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V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
Region 01	7	127	116	18
Region 02	100	421	440	81
Region 03	54	277	283	48
Region 04	64	421	409	76
Region 05	162	663	676	149
Region 06	102	322	314	110
Region 07	25	191	194	22
Region 08	26	137	145	18
Region 09	33	285	270	48
Region 10	66	208	179	95
HQ	1572	5599	5602	1569
AGENCY OVERALL	2211	8651	8628	2234

V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in Chart Below	
Region 01	39	27	1	38	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	116
Region 02	156	77	2	153	1	39	2	2	0	0	4	4	440
Region 03	104	68	3	76	1	25	0	0	0	0	4	2	283
Region 04	200	57	0	113	1	18	4	9	0	0	4	3	409
Region 05	310	57	2	227	1	36	2	25	2	0	5	9	676
Region 06	145	53	2	77	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	314
Region 07	75	32	2	55	1	16	3	7	0	0	2	1	194
Region 08	37	43	1	37	0	18	3	0	0	0	2	4	145
Region 09	88	42	0	87	0	36	9	3	0	0	2	3	270
Region 10	45	85	0	38	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	3	179
HQ	1118	860	73	448	7	179	5	459	1133	99	151	1070	5602
AGENCY OVERALL	2317	1401	86	1349	12	420	28	506	1136	99	175	1099	8628

V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
Region 01	N/A	0	0
Region 02	Aggregate Cases	4	4
Region 03	Aggregate Cases	2	2
Region 04	Aggregate Cases	3	3
Region 05	Aggregate Cases	9	9
Region 06	N/A	0	0
Region 07	Aggregate Cases	1	1
Region 08	Aggregate Cases	4	4
Region 09	Aggregate Cases	3	3
Region 10	Aggregate Cases	3	3
HQ	Aggregate Cases	1070	1070
AGENCY OVERALL			1099

V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
Region 01	0	1	2	4	10	20	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	7
Region 02	1	0	1	13	18	57	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Region 03	0	0	2	13	19	57	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	21
Region 04	0	1	5	11	27	41	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Region 05	0	3	0	14	26	40	15	0	4	1	6	2	0	9
Region 06	0	1	0	15	24	37	2	0	2	0	3	1	0	3
Region 07	0	0	0	13	11	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 08	0	2	1	8	17	41	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	4
Region 09	0	0	1	9	26	28	8	0	1	0	3	0	0	3
Region 10	0	2	0	25	17	82	1	0	5	4	0	2	0	3
HQ	0	12	20	139	270	270	27	0	119	6	20	8	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	1	22	32	264	465	694	83	0	137	12	35	18	0	53

VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
HQ	7	192	182	17
AGENCY OVERALL	7	192	182	17

VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
HQ	48	13	53	68	182
AGENCY OVERALL	48	13	53	68	182

VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
HQ	0	0	4	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	4	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
HQ	3	0	12	0	0	1	0	12	0	1	45
AGENCY OVERALL	3	0	12	0	0	1	0	12	0	1	45

VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
HQ	Moot	45	45
AGENCY OVERALL			45

VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
HQ	18	16	1	20
AGENCY OVERALL	18	16	1	20

VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
HQ	Date of Appeal	2025-09-18	2025-09-17	2025-09-16	2025-09-16	2025-09-15	2025-09-12	2025-09-11	2025-09-08	2025-09-08	2025-09-08
	Number of Days Pending	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	16	16	16
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2025-09-18	2025-09-17	2025-09-16	2025-09-16	2025-09-15	2025-09-12	2025-09-11	2025-09-08	2025-09-08	2025-09-08
	Number of Days Pending	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	16	16	16

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
Region 01	14	24.9	<1	1030	33	46.9	23	138	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 02	8	9.8	<1	36	41	74	2	1527	138	138	138	138
Region 03	19	37.6	<1	426	113	156	32	366	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 04	18	19	<1	97	20	76.4	<1	879	77	77	77	77
Region 05	18	29.3	<1	580	38	65.4	<1	766	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 06	23	26.7	<1	112	29.5	56.5	<1	645	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 07	17.5	18.62	<1	128	21	21	20	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 08	8	12.1	<1	95	80	90.4	19	271	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 09	18	32.5	<1	350	222	240.6	9	489	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 10	18	21.62	<1	136	182	307.8	25	1883	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HQ	18	64.9	<1	2370	91	263.4	<1	2381	48.5	67.4	4	149
AGENCY OVERALL	12	33.4	<1	2370	60	206.8	<1	2381	73	75.3	4	149

VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
Region 01	17.5	39.5	4	1030	34.5	48.5	23	138	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 02	15	15.2	1	36	48	94.6	2	1487	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 03	29	51.1	<1	426	113	56	32	366	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 04	19	21	1	97	25.25	91.5	2	879	77	77	77	77
Region 05	20	34	1	244	45	90	13	766	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 06	25	30.8	6	112	38	68.6	3	645	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 07	18	23.1	2	128	20	20	20	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 08	12	17.1	1	95	75	93.4	19	271	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 09	20	42.4	3	350	270	302	179	489	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Region 10	19	25.1	3	136	226	325.2	26	1883	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HQ	20	64.9	<1	2370	71	263.4	4	2381	46	69.25	4	149
AGENCY OVERALL	20	61.5	<1	2370	83	236.9	2	2381	69	68.7	4	149

VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
Region 01	82	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	94
Region 02	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Region 03	150	64	25	15	5	2	4	2	0	1	7	3	1	279
Region 04	181	51	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
Region 05	265	87	42	19	6	3	4	4	0	3	3	1	1	438
Region 06	61	74	11	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154
Region 07	154	24	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Region 08	103	8	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Region 09	159	41	32	8	5	6	0	3	1	1	1	2	0	259
Region 10	110	7	5	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
HQ	2012	499	129	66	44	48	16	21	11	14	44	21	97	3022
AGENCY OVERALL	3297	867	264	120	68	66	26	30	12	19	55	27	100	4951

VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
Region 01	0	14	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Region 02	65	135	98	43	16	6	9	5	5	4	13	4	9	412
Region 03	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Region 04	77	27	9	8	1	4	3	2	1	2	5	3	7	149
Region 05	29	81	58	11	9	1	2	4	2	3	3	4	4	211
Region 06	49	50	28	7	5	3	5	0	3	1	4	3	2	160
Region 07	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Region 08	1	8	2	2	3	1	4	2	1	0	2	0	0	26
Region 09	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	8
Region 10	0	4	4	6	2	4	3	0	1	1	5	5	14	49
HQ	78	119	73	82	50	33	30	20	30	23	113	78	247	976
AGENCY OVERALL	301	441	276	161	86	52	58	34	45	35	147	99	284	2019

VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
Region 01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 02	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Region 03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 04	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Region 05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HQ	4	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
AGENCY OVERALL	4	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	12

VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED PROCESSING		
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
Region 01	3	6.5	6.5	3	32	59.2	0	N/A	N/A
Region 02	0	N/A	N/A	46	21	50	0	N/A	N/A
Region 03	25	24.5	38.8	1	521	521	1	140	140
Region 04	11	10	14	9	36	153.3	0	N/A	N/A
Region 05	45	18	88.9	36	28.5	103.8	0	N/A	N/A
Region 06	29	16	29	54	218	254	0	N/A	N/A
Region 07	6	12	26	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Region 08	7	5	9	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Region 09	26	20	45	3	116	125	0	N/A	N/A
Region 10	40	9.5	25.5	15	148	347	0	N/A	N/A
HQ	588	225	117	974	153	337	7	140	244
AGENCY OVERALL	780	25	117	1141	153	337	8	140	244

VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
Region 01	Date of Receipt	2025-09-05	2025-09-16	2025-09-12	2025-09-09	2025-08-11	2025-08-14	2025-08-14	2025-07-01	2025-03-24	2025-03-07
	Number of Days Pending	9	10	12	15	30	32	32	37	132	143
Region 02	Date of Receipt	2025-05-07	2025-04-14	2025-04-23	2025-03-26	2024-11-21	2025-01-18	2025-01-10	2024-12-18	2022-06-16	2022-08-19
	Number of Days Pending	100	105	110	129	172	175	181	195	683	777
Region 03	Date of Receipt	2025-06-10	2025-06-09	2024-04-30	2025-04-16	2025-04-03	2025-03-31	2025-03-24	2025-03-07	2025-03-12	2023-08-29
	Number of Days Pending	77	78	105	115	124	127	132	137	140	521
Region 04	Date of Receipt	2025-06-23	2025-05-13	2025-06-06	2025-06-02	2025-05-30	2025-03-24	2025-02-05	2022-10-27	2022-05-18	2022-01-31
	Number of Days Pending	69	75	79	83	84	132	164	730	841	917
Region 05	Date of Receipt	2024-05-09	2024-04-05	2024-03-04	2023-09-18	2023-05-24	2023-08-09	2025-04-17	2023-02-24	2023-02-21	2022-07-28

	Number of Days Pending	346	349	395	508	528	533	614	649	653	793
Region 06	Date of Receipt	2023-07-18	2023-03-29	2023-04-14	2023-02-01	2023-03-14	2023-03-13	2022-12-06	2022-09-07	2022-05-05	2020-07-23
	Number of Days Pending	551	611	615	634	638	639	704	765	850	1298
Region 07	Date of Receipt	2025-09-12	2025-08-13	2025-08-05	2025-03-24	2025-08-22	2025-08-13	2025-07-10	2025-07-02	2025-04-08	2025-04-08
	Number of Days Pending	12	12	16	17	26	33	57	62	121	121
Region 08	Date of Receipt	2025-09-10	2025-09-15	2025-09-12	2025-07-29	2025-07-02	2025-07-01	2025-03-13	2025-03-24	2024-05-16	2022-12-13
	Number of Days Pending	9	11	12	31	46	58	122	132	326	591
Region 09	Date of Receipt	2025-06-16	2025-06-10	2025-04-29	2025-04-16	2025-04-15	2025-04-08	2025-03-24	2025-03-10	2025-01-07	2023-12-26
	Number of Days Pending	73	77	106	115	116	121	132	142	183	441
Region 10	Date of Receipt	2022-12-27	2022-12-07	2022-11-07	2022-09-19	2022-04-25	2020-12-16	2021-02-04	2020-09-09	2020-09-10	2016-04-25
	Number of Days Pending	690	703	723	757	858	1138	1165	1248	1264	2235

HQ	Date of Receipt	2017-06-13	2017-04-14	2017-04-05	2017-04-04	2017-03-29	2017-03-15	2017-03-15	2017-02-06	2016-04-25	2016-06-16
	Number of Days Pending	2079	2120	2127	2128	2132	2142	2142	2168	2235	2327
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Receipt	2017-08-02	2017-06-13	2017-04-14	2017-04-06	2017-04-04	2017-03-29	2017-03-15	2017-03-15	2017-02-06	2016-06-16
	Number of Days Pending	2044	2079	2120	2127	2128	2132	2142	2142	2168	2327

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
HQ	20	402	1	2.97	400
AGENCY OVERALL	20	402	1	2.97	400

VIII.B. Requests for Fee Waiver

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
HQ	598	1311	2	5
AGENCY OVERALL	598	1311	2	5

All requests for Expedited Processing are processed by HQ.

IX. FOIA Personnel and Costs

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
Region 01	4	0.00	4.00	760000.00	0.00	760000.00
Region 02	3	3.84	6.84	1299600.00	0.00	1299600.00
Region 03	3	0.79	3.79	720100.00	0.00	720100.00
Region 04	7	0.00	7.00	1330000.00	0.00	1330000.00
Region 05	32	0.00	32.00	6080000.00	0.00	6080000.00

Region 06	10	0.71	10.71	2034900.00	0.00	2034900.00
Region 07	15	0.00	15.00	2850000.00	0.00	2850000.00
Region 08	5	0.00	5.00	950000.00	0.00	950000.00
Region 09	10	0.46	10.46	1987400.00	0.00	1987400.00
Region 10	8	0.01	8.01	1521900.00	0.00	1521900.00
HQ	98	13.13	111.13	20027900.00	1086800.00	21114700.00
AGENCY OVERALL	195	18.94	213.94	39561800.00	1086800.00	40648600.00

This figure includes a total of 44 EPA employees who enrolled in the Deferred Resignation Program during the Fiscal Year.

X. Fees Collected for Processing Requests

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
Region 01	2813.00	0.3700
Region 02	21934.00	1.6900
Region 03	6046.00	0.8400
Region 04	602.00	0.0500
Region 05	4742.00	0.0800
Region 06	25115.55	1.2300

Region 07	12135.00	0.4300
Region 08	10686.43	1.1200
Region 09	5358.00	0.2700
Region 10	2363.28	0.1600
HQ	28106.00	0.1400
AGENCY OVERALL	119901.26	0.3000

XI.A. Number of Times Subsection (C) Used

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
Region 01	0
Region 02	0
Region 03	0
Region 04	0
Region 05	0
Region 06	0
Region 07	0
Region 08	0
Region 09	0
Region 10	0
HQ	0

AGENCY OVERALL	0
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XI.B. Number of Subsection (A)(2) Postings

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
Region 01	5282	0
Region 02	23893	0
Region 03	202428	0
Region 04	50657	0
Region 05	31308	0
Region 06	543521	0
Region 07	3381	0
Region 08	10781	0
Region 09	120088	0
Region 10	26774	0
HQ	2217889	0
AGENCY OVERALL	3236002	0

XII.A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
Region 01	6	N/A
Region 02	46	N/A
Region 03	26	N/A
Region 04	20	N/A
Region 05	81	N/A
Region 06	83	N/A
Region 07	6	N/A
Region 08	7	N/A
Region 09	29	N/A
Region 10	55	N/A
HQ	1304	0
AGENCY OVERALL	1663	0

All appeals are processed by HQ.

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Processed</u> by the Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
Region 01	0	1	1	0
Region 02	0	1	1	0
Region 03	0	0	0	0
Region 04	0	2	2	0
Region 05	1	3	4	0
Region 06	0	0	0	0
Region 07	0	2	2	0
Region 08	0	1	1	0
Region 09	0	1	1	0
Region 10	0	10	9	1
HQ	4	64	62	6
AGENCY OVERALL	5	85	83	7

	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 08	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 09	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 10	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025-09-26
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HQ	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025-09-26	2025-09-26	2025-08-26	2025-08-15	2025-08-04	2025-07-22	2025-05-29
	Number of Days	0	0	0	2	2	24	31	40	49	85
AGENCY OVERALL	Date	N/A	2025-09-26	2025-09-26	2025-09-26	2025-09-26	2025-08-26	2025-08-15	2025-08-04	2025-07-22	2025-05-29
	Number of Days	0	2	2	2	2	24	31	40	49	85

XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
Region 01	98	127	104	116
Region 02	393	421	406	440
Region 03	280	277	290	283
Region 04	410	421	429	409
Region 05	742	663	688	676
Region 06	366	322	330	314
Region 07	176	191	173	194
Region 08	138	137	130	145
Region 09	238	285	257	270
Region 10	165	208	149	179
HQ	4545	5599	4178	5602
AGENCY OVERALL	7551	8651	7134	8628

XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
Region 01	3	6
Region 02	80	46
Region 03	43	26
Region 04	32	20
Region 05	85	81
Region 06	67	83
Region 07	3	6
Region 08	13	7
Region 09	21	29
Region 10	55	55
HQ	1162	1304
AGENCY OVERALL	1564	1663

XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
HQ	207	192	204	182
AGENCY OVERALL	207	192	204	182

XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
HQ	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0