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The following **Annual Freedom of Information Act** report covers the Period 10/01/2017, through 09/30/2018, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552.

I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

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3. How to obtain a copy of the report in paper form.

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II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

1. 1. Submit a FOIA request directly to EPA though FOIAonline at:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> 2. Send a FOIA request to Headquarters or a regional office through regular mail or via courier services. Both addresses are available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/foia/forms/contact-us-about-freedom-information-act-and-foia-requests> 3. For information regarding a specific property you may obtain that information immediately, without filing a FOIA request, by using MyProperty. The address is: www.epa.gov/myproperty.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Acronyms used :

Acronym	Definition
HQ EPA	Headquarters
Region 1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 10	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington
Region 2	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and 7 Tribal Nations
Region 3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
Region 4	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina
Region 5	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
Region 6	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
Region 7	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
Region 8	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
Region 9	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam

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 entirety 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. **Perfected 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 :
- a. **Exemption 1** - classified national defense and foreign relations information
 - b. **Exemption 2** - internal agency rules and practices
 - c. **Exemption 3** - information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
 - d. **Exemption 4** - trade secrets and other confidential business information
 - e. **Exemption 5** - inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
 - f. **Exemption 6** - information involving matters of personal privacy
 - g. **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
 - h. **Exemption 8** - information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
 - i. **Exemption 9** - geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied Upon per Component	Total Number of Times Relied Upon by Agency
41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1) (currently at 41 U.S.C. § 4702)	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.	Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin V. NASA, No 09-CV-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)	Region 7 : 1	1
7 U.S.C. § 136i-1 (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act)	Data "that would directly or indirectly reveal the identity of individual producers [of certain pesticides]"	Doe v. Veneman, 380 F. 3d 807, 818 (5th Cir. 2004).	Headquarters : 12	12

V. FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Requests				
	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
Headquarters	1847	3565	2640	2772
Region 10	60	323	317	66
Region 1	23	371	375	19
Region 2	245	2051	2107	189
Region 3	133	699	709	123
Region 4	85	830	815	100
Region 5	212	1581	1529	264
Region 6	87	613	626	74
Region 7	34	451	451	34
Region 8	20	219	227	12
Region 9	62	661	646	77
TOTAL	2808	11364	10442	3730

* In the FY2017 Annual Report, the agency reported that the overall number of requests pending at the end of FY2017 was 2795. EPA has accounted for the 13 additional cases reported in FY2018 and the correct number is 2795.

B.(1) Disposition of FOIA Requests -- All Processed Requests													
				Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reasons	Not an Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other	
Headquarters	1176	545	43	268	4	282	8	74	25	17	178	20	2640
Region 10	65	67	2	73	1	55	13	12	11	1	17	0	317
Region 1	120	26	0	174	0	26	0	4	5	1	19	0	375
Region 2	1794	27	1	153	1	51	11	28	8	0	33	0	2107
Region 3	192	74	2	315	3	88	1	5	2	3	24	0	709
Region 4	242	79	2	409	1	44	0	3	1	3	31	0	815
Region 5	445	42	2	752	4	162	34	7	3	0	78	0	1529
Region 6	239	42	1	154	0	161	2	8	1	0	18	0	626
Region 7	258	23	1	106	0	42	0	0	0	0	21	0	451
Region 8	85	27	1	56	1	41	0	0	1	1	14	0	227
Region 9	162	70	3	323	0	31	9	6	1	2	39	0	646
TOTAL	4778	1022	58	2783	15	983	78	147	58	28	472	20	10442

B.(2) Disposition of FOIA Requests -- Other Reasons for Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions		
	Description of Other Reasons for Denials from Chart B.(1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	TOTAL
Headquarters	Litigation 20	20
TOTAL		20

B.(3) Disposition of FOIA Requests -- Number of Times Exemptions Applied

	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
Headquarters	1	0	12	104	193	311	71	0	131	4	29	17	0	0
Region 10	0	0	0	25	13	63	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Region 1	0	0	0	2	7	12	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	3
Region 2	0	0	0	0	7	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Region 3	0	0	0	28	16	39	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	13
Region 4	0	0	0	14	21	67	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
Region 5	0	0	0	6	10	26	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Region 6	0	0	0	9	6	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Region 7	0	0	1	2	2	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Region 8	0	0	0	6	15	21	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Region 9	0	0	0	18	21	42	13	0	1	0	2	0	0	11
TOTAL	1	0	13	214	311	605	112	0	145	5	36	19	0	34

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Appeals				
	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
Headquarters	144	183	187	140
TOTAL	144	183	187	140

* In the FY2017 Annual Report, the agency reported overall number of requests pending at the end of FY2017 was 143. The correct number is 144.

B. Disposition of Administrative Appeals All Processed Appeals					
	Number of Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
Headquarters	33	19	41	94	187
TOTAL	33	19	41	94	187

C.(1) Reasons for Denial on Appeal Number of Times Exemptions Applied														
	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
Headquarters														
TOTAL														

C.(2) Reasons for Denial on Appeal Reasons Other than Exemptions												
	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 for Expedited Processing	Other	
Headquarters	5	0	24	12	3	0	0	15	11	5	37	
TOTAL	5	0	24	12	3	0	0	15	11	5	37	

C.(3) Reasons for Denial on Appeal Other Reasons		
	Description of Other Reasons for Denials from Chart C.(2) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	TOTAL
Headquarters	Moot 33 Appeal Withdrawn 3 Untimely 1	37
TOTAL		37

C.(4) Response Time for Administrative Appeals				
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
Headquarters	73.0	209.89	5.0	1534.0
TOTAL	73.0	209.89	5.0	1534.0

C.(5) Ten Oldest Pending Administrative Appeals										
	10th Oldest Appeal and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal and Number of Days Pending
Headquarters	2014-04-16 1118	2014-04-15 1119	2014-02-21 1156	2013-11-20 1218	2013-09-27 1254	2013-08-26 1277	2013-05-30 1338	2013-05-17 1346	2012-11-21 1468	2010-04-07 2128
TOTAL	2014-04-16 1118	2014-04-15 1119	2014-02-21 1156	2013-11-20 1218	2013-09-27 1254	2013-08-26 1277	2013-05-30 1338	2013-05-17 1346	2012-11-21 1468	2010-04-07 2128

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

A. Processed Requests -- Response Time for All Processed Perfected Requests												
	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED			
	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
Headquarters	23.0	76.33	< 1	749.0	113.0	281.84	< 1	1793.0	361.0	367.24	18.0	546.0
Region 10	13.0	15.4	< 1	139.0	34.0	91.26	< 1	768.0	-	-	-	-
Region 1	6.0	11.56	< 1	185.0	77.0	196.82	21.0	1403.0	-	-	-	-
Region 2	10.0	26.47	< 1	632.0	95.0	185.09	11.0	964.0	64.0	206.22	5.0	645.0
Region 3	27.0	37.0	< 1	559.0	488.0	500.9	31.0	1189.0	-	-	-	-
Region 4	15.0	18.39	< 1	349.0	17.0	35.47	< 1	419.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Region 5	19.0	27.69	< 1	528.0	35.0	88.91	< 1	863.0	453.0	393.45	59.0	535.0
Region 6	14.5	15.91	< 1	93.0	22.0	42.21	< 1	512.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Region 7	9.0	18.07	< 1	961.0	16.5	55.02	2.0	495.0	-	-	-	-
Region 8	9.0	11.13	< 1	99.0	18.5	31.57	< 1	230.0	558.0	558.0	558.0	558.0
Region 9	14.5	17.92	< 1	290.0	71.0	110.97	10.0	468.0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	16.0	35.74	< 1	961.0	35.0	148.65	< 1	1793.0	361.0	337.43	1.0	645.0

B. Processed Requests Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted												
	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
Headquarters	23.0	76.51	< 1	749.0	124.5	273.02	1.0	1793.0	443.5	392.11	18.0	546.0
Region 10	17.0	17.25	2.0	70.0	58.5	106.47	8.0	768.0	-	-	-	-
Region 1	17.0	18.61	< 1	95.0	77.0	217.11	21.0	1403.0	-	-	-	-
Region 2	10.0	24.62	< 1	632.0	95.0	195.17	11.0	964.0	134.0	258.29	53.0	645.0
Region 3	29.5	49.68	< 1	559.0	488.0	491.0	64.0	1189.0	-	-	-	-
Region 4	17.0	19.63	< 1	111.0	21.0	44.88	< 1	419.0	-	-	-	-
Region 5	21.0	35.67	3.0	528.0	103.0	142.8	13.0	863.0	361.0	374.29	59.0	535.0
Region 6	17.5	21.36	2.0	93.0	36.0	59.51	1.0	512.0	-	-	-	-
Region 7	7.0	21.04	< 1	961.0	19.5	86.61	3.0	495.0	-	-	-	-
Region 8	11.0	13.39	< 1	99.0	26.5	43.32	2.0	230.0	558.0	558.0	558.0	558.0
Region 9	19.0	24.23	< 1	290.0	70.0	110.84	10.0	468.0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	16.0	40.05	< 1	961.0	58.0	163.0	< 1	1793.0	378.0	371.28	18.0	645.0

C. Processed Requests Response Time in Day Increments

Simple Requests														
	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
Headquarters	842	243	140	86	75	52	57	45	22	38	77	40	76	1793
Region 10	133	30	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	169
Region 1	289	51	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	353
Region 2	1609	142	48	33	20	14	6	12	16	5	37	11	13	1966
Region 3	194	313	91	29	8	3	1	0	0	2	8	6	2	657
Region 4	444	159	24	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	633
Region 5	776	357	67	29	21	12	6	8	4	3	4	1	5	1293
Region 6	61	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
Region 7	330	48	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	399
Region 8	124	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
Region 9	443	112	10	4	5	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	580
TOTAL	5245	1470	403	188	134	84	74	66	43	52	132	59	97	8047

Complex Requests														
	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
Headquarters	127	83	35	38	24	21	19	15	10	5	57	38	166	638
Region 10	32	26	11	6	6	6	2	3	4	1	3	4	5	109
Region 1	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	11
Region 2	3	10	4	1	7	5	3	0	1	0	2	2	8	46
Region 3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	10
Region 4	92	24	18	7	3	5	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	157
Region 5	13	25	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	5	3	1	66
Region 6	193	134	45	24	10	14	13	5	1	1	5	5	2	452
Region 7	35	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	52
Region 8	42	15	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	72
Region 9	1	6	9	3	2	3	4	0	0	0	5	1	1	35
TOTAL	538	332	138	93	56	61	47	26	19	10	80	55	193	1648

Expedited Requests														
	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
Headquarters	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	5	15	33
Region 2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	9
Region 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Region 5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	11
Region 6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Region 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	3	1	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	8	10	24	56

D. Pending Requests All Pending Perfected Requests									
	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED		
	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
Headquarters	1744	146.0	172.25	750	249.0	303.13	86	289.0	318.03
Region 10	15	17.0	27.87	47	121.0	183.32	0	-	-
Region 1	11	14.0	17.64	8	43.0	69.88	0	-	-
Region 2	144	56.0	100.55	22	212.5	224.27	0	-	-
Region 3	87	25.0	31.85	17	197.0	457.88	8	1155.5	1136.25
Region 4	51	11.0	17.29	29	27.0	51.41	0	-	-
Region 5	105	26.0	70.08	97	19.0	43.66	0	-	-
Region 6	5	9.0	8.4	58	22.0	66.22	0	-	-
Region 7	21	10.0	10.14	8	8.0	87.63	0	-	-
Region 8	2	65.0	65.0	10	5.5	76.7	0	-	-
Region 9	48	9.0	16.21	15	33.0	128.4	0	-	-
TOTAL	2233	115.0	146.74	1061	194.0	247.13	94	299.0	387.67

E. Pending Requests Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests										
	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
Headquarters	2013-05-16 1346	2013-05-03 1355	2012-12-28 1429	2012-11-02 1479	2012-09-10 1511	2012-06-11 1575	2012-04-13 1591	2012-03-22 1633	2012-02-21 1659	2011-08-22 1781
Region 10	2017-06-19 298	2017-05-30 293	2017-03-14 386	2017-03-06 389	2017-01-27 359	2016-08-16 512	2016-04-25 482	2016-04-19 502	2015-02-17 806	2014-09-23 993
Region 1	2018-08-09 33	2018-08-09 33	2018-08-09 16	2018-08-09 33	2018-08-01 40	2018-07-24 37	2018-06-22 60	2018-05-24 53	2017-09-21 59	2017-08-03 272
Region 2	2017-03-16 389	2017-03-15 257	2017-02-17 398	2017-02-06 409	2017-02-02 409	2016-12-21 445	2016-11-15 470	2016-02-10 663	2015-09-15 659	2014-05-23 1055
Region 3	2014-04-29 1107	2014-04-25 1110	2014-02-21 1152	2014-02-21 1154	2014-02-14 1157	2014-01-24 1172	2014-01-21 1175	2014-01-13 1182	2014-01-10 1180	2014-01-10 1182
Region 4	2018-07-11 54	2018-06-27 64	2018-06-22 53	2018-05-23 65	2018-03-13 139	2018-02-26 150	2018-01-26 145	2017-12-07 146	2017-06-09 327	2017-04-25 244
Region 5	2017-07-14 282	2017-06-28 305	2017-06-02 330	2017-05-24 339	2017-05-08 351	2017-05-03 354	2017-04-20 227	2017-04-05 356	2017-02-09 379	2016-11-08 422
Region 6	2018-01-26 170	2018-01-23 157	2017-10-31 229	2017-10-13 209	2017-10-06 244	2017-10-05 244	2017-09-21 240	2017-09-13 261	2017-08-31 269	2017-07-25 297
Region 7	2018-09-14 10	2018-09-14 10	2018-09-11 13	2018-09-11 13	2018-09-07 14	2018-09-04 18	2018-08-15 31	2018-07-30 43	2018-05-25 17	2016-03-01 633
Region 8	2018-09-24 3	2018-09-24 3	2018-09-21 2	2018-09-20 5	2018-09-19 6	2018-09-18 6	2018-09-14 9	2018-07-10 28	2018-03-26 128	2015-10-30 707
Region 9	2018-06-21 64	2018-06-19 68	2018-06-13 73	2018-05-15 94	2018-05-04 95	2018-03-22 8	2018-02-20 152	2017-09-25 250	2017-09-18 97	2011-10-04 1089
TOTAL	2013-05-03 1355	2012-12-28 1429	2012-11-02 1479	2012-09-10 1511	2012-06-11 1575	2012-04-13 1591	2012-03-22 1633	2012-02-21 1659	2011-10-04 1089	2011-08-22 1781

VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

A. Requests for Expedited Processing					
	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
Headquarters	1	386	12.0	19.08	181
Region 10	0	28	9.5	13.57	14
Region 1	0	9	2.0	3.33	9
Region 2	6	33	14.0	27.15	14
Region 3	0	25	9.0	15.48	14
Region 4	1	32	7.0	9.76	23
Region 5	1	46	20.0	19.4	13
Region 6	1	44	14.0	26.11	17
Region 7	0	8	4.5	6.25	7
Region 8	0	17	3.0	5.71	15
Region 9	0	30	8.0	14.33	16
TOTAL	10	658	11.0	18.3	323

B. Requests for Fee Waiver				
	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
Headquarters	250	172	6.0	8.62
Region 10	17	15	6.5	7.09
Region 1	1	7	3.0	4.75
Region 2	4	14	5.0	5.22
Region 3	8	15	9.0	16.35
Region 4	24	41	5.0	6.23
Region 5	8	74	8.5	10.51
Region 6	27	32	3.0	4.49
Region 7	8	16	4.0	6.21
Region 8	5	10	2.0	2.87
Region 9	29	29	5.0	7.07
TOTAL	381	425	6.0	8.07

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

	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
Headquarters	46	30.46	76.46	\$12,076,457.43	\$1,848,579.21	\$13,925,036.64
Region 10	7	23.74	30.74	\$4,857,128.11	\$0.00	\$4,857,128.11
Region 1	7	1.44	8.44	\$1,333,577.14	\$0.00	\$1,333,577.14
Region 2	2	1.6	3.6	\$567,244.30	\$0.00	\$567,244.30
Region 3	5	3.8	8.8	\$1,390,459.58	\$0.00	\$1,390,459.58
Region 4	12	1.72	13.72	\$2,167,852.88	\$0.00	\$2,167,852.88
Region 5	19	3.0	22.0	\$3,474,568.87	\$0.00	\$3,474,568.87
Region 6	3	24.16	27.16	\$4,247,221.98	\$0.00	\$4,247,221.98
Region 7	2	0.76	2.76	\$436,098.69	\$0.00	\$436,098.69
Region 8	2	4.37	6.37	\$1,068,523.06	\$0.00	\$1,068,523.06
Region 9	2	10.94	12.94	\$2,044,607.60	\$0.00	\$2,044,607.60
TOTAL	107	105.99	212.99	\$33,663,739.64	\$1,848,579.21	\$35,512,318.85

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
Headquarters	\$37,446.87	0.00
Region 10	\$8,026.43	0.00
Region 1	\$9,339.11	0.01
Region 2	\$14,499.06	0.03
Region 3	\$10,471.09	0.01
Region 4	\$6,325.71	0.00
Region 5	\$15,217.90	0.00
Region 6	\$24,343.06	0.01
Region 7	\$7,309.14	0.02
Region 8	\$15,270.38	0.01
Region 9	\$8,026.43	0.00
TOTAL	\$156,275.18	0.46

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS

A. Number of Times Subsection (c) Used	
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B. Number of Subsection (a)(2) Postings		
	Number of Items Posted by FOIA Office	Number of Items Posted by Program
Headquarters	113	0
TOTAL	113	0

XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals		
	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
Headquarters	2360	132
Region 10	37	0
Region 1	10	0
Region 2	128	0
Region 3	76	0
Region 4	22	0
Region 5	80	0
Region 6	24	0
Region 7	3	0
Region 8	2	0
Region 9	19	0
TOTAL	2761	132

B. Consultations on FOIA Requests Received, Processed, and Pending Consultations				
	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending as of Start of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Processed During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending as of End of the Fiscal Year
Headquarters	3	29	26	6
Region 10	0	1	1	0
Region 5	0	1	1	0
Region 6	0	2	1	1
Region 9	0	2	2	0
TOTAL	3	35	31	7

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending										
	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
Headquarters					2018-09-24 4	2018-09-19 7	2018-09-17 9	2018-06-13 75	2017-09-12 263	2017-09-11 264
Region 6										2018-09-12 12
TOTAL				2018-09-24 4	2018-09-19 7	2018-09-17 9	2018-09-12 12	2018-06-13 75	2017-09-12 263	2017-09-11 264

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report Requests Received, Processed, and Backlogged				
	NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED		NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
Headquarters	3619	3565	2822	2640
Region 10	344	323	369	317
Region 1	281	371	285	375
Region 2	2132	2051	2135	2107
Region 3	692	699	691	709
Region 4	737	830	734	815
Region 5	1711	1581	1639	1529
Region 6	615	613	677	626
Region 7	426	451	437	451
Region 8	241	219	274	227
Region 9	720	661	739	646
TOTAL	11518	11364	10802	10442

	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
Headquarters	1529	2360
Region 10	30	37
Region 1	3	10
Region 2	121	128
Region 3	49	76
Region 4	29	22
Region 5	71	80
Region 6	22	24
Region 7	14	3
Region 8	6	2
Region 9	17	19
TOTAL	1891	2761

E. Comparison of Numbers of Administrative Appeals from Previous and Current Annual Report Appeals Received, Processed, and Backlogged				
	NUMBER OF APPEALS RECEIVED		NUMBER OF APPEALS PROCESSED	
	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
Headquarters	224	183	204	187
TOTAL	224	183	204	187

	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
Headquarters	125	132
TOTAL	125	132