

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01259-EGS**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/13/2020  
Date Terminated: 02/23/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/13/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7120850) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons as to USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons as to AG, # <u>4</u> Summons as to GSA, # <u>5</u> Summons as to USDA)(Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 05/13/2020)
05/13/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Rule LCvR26.1 Disclosure as to UCS)(Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 05/13/2020)

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05/13/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (adh, ) (Entered: 05/13/2020)
05/13/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 05/13/2020)
05/14/2020	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 05/14/20. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 05/14/2020)
06/18/2020	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/26/2020. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/25/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/1/2020., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 5/26/2020; U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION served on 5/22/2020 (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 06/18/2020)
06/25/2020	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.(Truong, John) (Entered: 06/25/2020)
06/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than July 24, 2020. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/26/2020. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/29/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Scheduling Order due by 7/24/2020 (mac) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
07/24/2020	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 07/24/2020)
07/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>7</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than August 25, 2020. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 7/27/2020. (lcegs2) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
07/28/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/25/2020 (mac) (Entered: 07/28/2020)
08/25/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
08/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>8</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than October 25, 2020. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/26/2020. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/26/2020)
08/27/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2020. (mac) (Entered: 08/27/2020)
10/26/2020	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 10/26/2020)

10/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>9</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than December 4, 2020. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/26/2020. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/26/2020)
10/27/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/4/2020 (mac) (Entered: 10/27/2020)
12/04/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 12/04/2020)
12/07/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>10</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than February 3, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 12/7/2020. (lcegs2) (Entered: 12/07/2020)
12/08/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/3/2021 (mac) (Entered: 12/08/2020)
02/03/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 02/03/2021)
02/03/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than March 25, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/3/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/03/2021)
02/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/25/2021. (mac) (Entered: 02/04/2021)
03/25/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than May 25, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 3/29/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/30/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/25/2021 (mac) (Entered: 03/30/2021)
05/25/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 05/25/2021)
05/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than July 26, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 5/26/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 05/26/2021)
05/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/26/2021. (mac) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
07/26/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/27/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than October 4, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 7/27/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 07/27/2021)
07/28/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2021 (mac) (Entered: 07/28/2021)
10/04/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Truong, John) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/05/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than December 4, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/5/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/05/2021)
10/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/4/2021 (mac) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
12/03/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 12/03/2021)
12/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than February 3, 2022. Signed by Judge Emmet G.

		Sullivan on 12/7/2021. (lcegs1) (Entered: 12/07/2021)
12/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/3/2022 (mac) (Entered: 12/08/2021)
12/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than February 8, 2022. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 12/7/2021. (lcegs1) (Entered: 12/17/2021)
12/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2022 (mac) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
02/02/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 02/02/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>18</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS. (Shaw, Khahilia) (Entered: 02/23/2022)