

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00522-APM

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
 RESPONSIBILITY v. UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL
 SURVEY

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/02/2022
 Date Terminated: 04/17/2023
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR
 ENVIRONMENTAL
 RESPONSIBILITY**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/02/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9077500) filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet cover sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons agency summons, # <u>3</u> Summons AG summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Dinerstein, Paula) (Attachment 1 replaced on 3/7/2022) (znmw). (Entered: 03/02/2022)
03/04/2022		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to pdinerstein@peer.org, cc'd 2 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. No signature. Please file the signed document using the event Errata. All filings must have an original signature or '/s/ Attorney Name' to represent an electronic signature of the filer., 2. Form filed as fillable PDF. Please file form in a non-fillable PDF format., 3. The civil cover sheet should be filed in a non-fillable PDF format. After completing the form, you will need to print to PDF. Please file using the event Civil Cover Sheet., 4. COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied. (znmg,) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>2</u>	ERRATA to Complaint with corrected signature by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (Dinerstein, Paula) (Entered: 03/04/2022)

03/04/2022	<u>3</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET to <i>Complaint with pdf filled</i> by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.(Dinerstein, Paula) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>4</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (Dinerstein, Paula) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/07/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (znmg) (Entered: 03/07/2022)
03/07/2022	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 03/07/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marsha Wellknown Yee on behalf of UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
04/20/2022	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/20/2022)
04/21/2022	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 5, 2022. The Joint Status Report shall include (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 the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/21/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 04/21/2022)
05/04/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 15, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/5/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
06/15/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 06/15/2022)
06/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 15, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/16/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/16/2022)
06/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2022. (smc) (Entered: 06/16/2022)
09/15/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 09/15/2022)
09/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by November 3, 2022, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/16/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
11/03/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 11/03/2022)
11/04/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by January 25, 2022, advising whether any dispute remains as to fees and costs and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/4/2022. (lcapm2) (Entered: 11/04/2022)
01/25/2023	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 01/25/2023)

01/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by February 24, 2023, advising whether any dispute remains as to fees and costs and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 1/26/2023. (lcapm2) (Entered: 01/26/2023)
02/24/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 02/24/2023)
02/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 24, 2023, advising whether any dispute remains as to fees and costs and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/27/2023. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/27/2023)
03/24/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 03/24/2023)
03/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 19, 2023, concerning the status of settlement, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed on or before that date. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/24/2023. (lcapm2) (Entered: 03/24/2023)
04/17/2023	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/17/2023)