

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02887-APM**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
 RESPONSIBILITY v. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
 Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/28/2023  
 Date Terminated: 04/29/2024  
 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
09/28/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10386131) filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons for Agency, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons for AG, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons for USATTY DC)(Mercola, Monica) (Entered: 09/28/2023)
09/28/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY (Mercola, Monica) (Entered: 09/28/2023)

09/29/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zljn) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
09/29/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen DeGenaro on behalf of UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/03/2023	<u>6</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 November 17, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/3/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/03/2023)
11/17/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
11/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before January 17, 2024, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/20/2024. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/20/2023)
01/17/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 01/17/2024)
01/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before March 18, 2024, which advises whether any dispute remains with respect to Plaintiff's claim for fees and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/18/2024. (lcapm1) (Entered: 01/18/2024)
01/18/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/18/2024. (smc) (Entered: 01/18/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Peter T. Jenkins on behalf of PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY Substituting for attorney Monica Mercola (Jenkins, Peter) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before May 17, 2024, which updates the court on the status of settlement, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed by that date. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/19/2024. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/19/2024)
03/19/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/17/2024. (hmc) (Entered: 03/19/2024)
04/24/2024	<u>11</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/24/2024)