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United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-14725

Chelmowski v. United States Environment Protection Agency,
The
Assigned to: Honorable Steven C. Seeger
Cause: 42:1985 Civil Rights

Date Filed: 10/11/2023
Date Terminated: 04/23/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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10/11/2023	<u>1</u>	RECEIVED COMPLAINT by James Chelmowski (Exhibits) (Attachments) (jg,) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet (jg,) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/11/2023		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable Steven C. Seeger and Honorable Steven C. Seeger. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Keri L. Holleb Hotaling. FEE DUE, NO INFORMA PAUPERIS APPLICATION SUBMITTED. Case assignment: Random assignment. (Civil Category 2). (jg,) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>4</u>	COMPLAINT filed by James Chelmowski (Exhibits) (Attachments) (jg,) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS Issued as to United States Environment Protection Agency, The, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General. (jg,) (Entered: 10/12/2023)

10/12/2023		CLERK'S NOTICE: Pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b), a United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action. If all parties consent to have the currently assigned United States Magistrate Judge conduct all proceedings in this case, including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings, all parties must sign their names on the attached <u>Consent To form. This consent form is eligible for filing only if executed by all parties. The parties can also express their consent to jurisdiction by a magistrate judge in any joint filing, including the Joint Initial Status Report or proposed Case Management Order. (jg.) (Entered: 10/12/2023)</u>
10/23/2023	<u>6</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: An initial status report is due by January 5, 2024. Counsel must read the Standing Order entitled "Initial Status Conferences and Joint Initial Status Reports" on the Court's website. The parties must confer as required by Rule 26(f) about the nature, scope, and duration of discovery. The parties must submit two documents to the Court. First, the parties must file the Joint Initial Status Report under Rule 26(f) on the docket. A Word version of the Joint Initial Status Report is available on the Court's website. All parties must participate in the preparation and filing of the Joint Initial Status Report. The Court requires a joint report, so a filing by one side or the other is not sufficient. Second, the parties must email a Word version of a proposed Scheduling Order under Rule 16(b) to the Court's proposed order inbox. Lead counsel for the parties must participate in filing the initial status report. Plaintiff must serve this Order on all other parties. If the defendant has not been served with process, plaintiff's counsel must contact the Courtroom Deputy at jessica_j_ramos@ilnd.uscourts.gov to reschedule the initial status report deadline. Plaintiff should not file the Joint Initial Status Report before the defendant(s) has been served with process. The parties must discuss settlement in good faith and make a serious attempt to resolve this case amicably. All counsel of record must read and comply with this Court's Standing Orders on its webpage. Please pay special attention to the Standing Orders about Depositions and Discovery. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>7</u>	DESIGNATION of Kurt N. Lindland as U.S. Attorney for Defendant United States Environment Protection Agency, The (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>8</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Environment Protection Agency, The for extension of time to file answer (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>9</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: Defendant's motion for extension of time to answer or otherwise plead (Dckt. No. <u>8</u>) is granted. Defendant shall respond by January 15, 2024. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/28/2023	<u>10</u>	ANNUAL REMINDER: Pursuant to <u>Local Rule 3.2 (Notification of Affiliates)</u> , <u>any nongovernmental party, other than an individual or sole proprietorship, must file a statement identifying all its affiliates known to the party after diligent review or, if the party has identified no affiliates, then a statement reflecting that fact must be filed. An affiliate is defined as follows: any entity or individual owning, directly or indirectly (through ownership of one or more other entities), 5% or more of a party. The statement is to be electronically filed as a PDF in conjunction with entering the affiliates in CM/ECF as prompted. As a reminder to counsel, parties must supplement their statements of affiliates within thirty (30) days of any change in the information previously reported. This minute order is being issued to all counsel of record to remind counsel of their obligation to provide updated information as to additional affiliates if such updating is necessary. If counsel has any questions regarding this process, this LINK will provide additional information. Signed by the Executive Committee on 12/28/2023: Mailed notice. (tg,) (Entered: 12/29/2023)</u>
01/16/2024	<u>11</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Environment Protection Agency, The to dismiss <i>Motion for Partial Dismissal & to Transfer Venue</i> (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
01/16/2024	<u>12</u>	Memorandum in Support of Motion by United States Environment Protection Agency, The (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 01/16/2024)

01/23/2024	<u>13</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: The Court reviewed the EPA's motion for partial dismissal and motion to transfer venue. (Dckt. No. <u>11</u>) Plaintiff Chelmowski apparently has filed multiple FOIA and Privacy Act cases in the District of DC. Plaintiff must show cause why the case should not be transferred to DC. The response is due by February 12, 2024. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/24/2024	<u>14</u>	CERTIFICATE of Service by Kurt N. Lindland on behalf of United States Environment Protection Agency, The regarding MOTION by Defendant United States Environment Protection Agency, The to dismiss <i>Motion for Partial Dismissal & to Transfer Venue</i> <u>11</u> , other <u>12</u> (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>15</u>	DECLARATION of James Chelmowski in support of motion for entry of default. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(daj,) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
02/14/2024	<u>16</u>	CERTIFICATE of Service by Kurt N. Lindland on behalf of United States Environment Protection Agency, The (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/15/2024	<u>17</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff James Chelmowski for extension of time. (jb,) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>18</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: Plaintiff's motion for an extension of time (Dckt. No. <u>17</u>) is hereby granted. The Court grants Plaintiff leave to file his response by February 26, 2024. The reply is due two weeks later. In the motion, Plaintiff complained that the government's counsel has not been serving him with copies of the filings. But the government did file a certificate of service on January 24, 2024 (Dckt. No. <u>14</u>), which is eight days after the filing of the government's motion on January 16, 2024. Going forward, the government must serve Defendant on the same day as any court filing. Mailed notice (jjr,) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>19</u>	CONSENT MOTION by Plaintiff James Chelmowski to extend time to respond to defendant's motion for partial dismissal and to transfer venue (Exhibits) (lm,) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
03/01/2024	<u>20</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff James Chelmowski to extend time to respond to Defendant's motion for partial dismissal and to transfer venue; Proposed Order (jg,) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>21</u>	PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION Defendant's Motion <u>11</u> for Partial Dismissal and to Transfer Venue (Oral Hearing Requested) (Received via pro se email on 03/05/2024). (smb,) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/06/2024	<u>22</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: Plaintiff's two motions for an extension of time (Dckt. Nos. <u>19</u> , <u>20</u>) are hereby granted. The Court extends the deadline to March 5, 2024. Plaintiff later filed the response. (Dckt. No. <u>21</u>) The reply is due by March 22, 2024. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 03/06/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>23</u>	REPLY by Defendant United States Environment Protection Agency, The <i>Reply in Support of Defendant's Motion for Partial Dismissal and to Transfer Venue</i> (Lindland, Kurt) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/23/2024	<u>24</u>	ORDER: For those reasons, this Court grants in part and denies in part the EPA's motion for partial dismissal and to transfer venue. The Clerk of Court is directed to transfer this case to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia forthwith and to close this docket. Civil case terminated. Signed by the Honorable Steven C. Seeger on 4/23/2024. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
05/07/2024	<u>25</u>	TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia the electronic record.(gcy,) (Entered: 05/07/2024)
05/08/2024		ELECTRONIC Acknowledgement of case transferred to the District of Columbia as case 1:24-cv-01336, filed 05/08/2024. (ph,) (Entered: 05/08/2024)