# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-03201-CJN

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY v. ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION AGENCY

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/07/2021 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

#### **Plaintiff**

**CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY** 

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/07/2021	1	COMPLAINT against ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8912441) filed by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons)(Van Saun, Amy) (Entered: 12/07/2021)

12/07/2021	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (Van Saun, Amy) (Entered: 12/07/2021)
12/08/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zsb) (Entered: 12/08/2021)
12/09/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 12/09/2021)
12/13/2021	4	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 13, 2021. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/13/2021)
12/21/2021	<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 12/13/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/12/2022.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY served on 12/15/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/16/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit of Receipts Verifying Service)(Van Saun, Amy) (Entered: 12/21/2021)
01/14/2022	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 01/14/2022)
01/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Defendant's <u>6</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, it is ORDERED the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the complaint by February 18, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 18, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 01/18/2022)
02/17/2022	7	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Defendant's Response to Complaint</i> by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 02/17/2022)
02/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Defendant's 7 Consent Motion to Stay, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall file, by March 21, 2022, a joint status report, including a proposal for further proceedings and, if necessary, providing the Court with a revised response deadline to Plaintiff's Complaint. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 17, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 02/17/2022)
03/21/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 03/21/2022)
03/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file, by May 21, 2022, an additional joint status report, including a proposal for further proceedings and, if necessary, providing the Court with a revised response deadline to Plaintiff's Complaint. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 23, 2022. (lccjn1) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
05/05/2022	9	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Substituting for attorney Blake A. Weiner (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
05/20/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 05/20/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kartik Narayan Venguswamy on behalf of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Substituting for attorney Darrell C. Valdez (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/19/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/19/2022)
08/22/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the 12 Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional joint status report by November 15, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter until either party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. Signed by

		Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 22, 2022. (LCCJN1) (Entered: 08/22/2022)
08/22/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
11/15/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
01/17/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
03/15/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 03/15/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
01/09/2024	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 01/09/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
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