

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00281-RBW**

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/03/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9021599) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A - FOIA EPA-2021-004891, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit B - FOIA EPA-2021-006089, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney's Office, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney General, # <u>6</u> Summons Summons -- EPA)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 02/03/2022)
02/04/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (znm) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/09/2022	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zth) (Entered: 02/09/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>3</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.(Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby

		ORDERED that, on or before May 6, 2022, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 8, 2022. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/11/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/6/2022. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>4</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>4</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before July 15, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 11, 2022. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/11/2022)
05/11/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/15/2022. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/11/2022)
07/15/2022	<u>5</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 07/15/2022)
07/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>5</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before September 13, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 20, 2022. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 07/20/2022)
09/13/2022	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 09/13/2022)
09/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before November 15, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 15, 2022. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/15/2022)
09/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2022 (mac) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
11/15/2022	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
12/08/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by John Bardo on behalf of U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Substituting for attorney Sean Tepe (Bardo, John) (Entered: 12/08/2022)
01/17/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
02/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before March 20, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 23, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 02/23/2023)
02/23/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/20/2023 (mac) (Entered: 02/23/2023)
03/20/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 03/20/2023)
03/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 19, 2023, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 25, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 03/25/2023)
05/19/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 05/19/2023)

05/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 18, 2023, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 23, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/23/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>12</u>	NOTICE by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>13</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
07/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 18, 2023, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 19, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
09/17/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 09/17/2023)
09/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 17, 2023, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 18, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/18/2023)
11/17/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
11/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before January 16, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 27, 2023. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
01/16/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
01/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 18, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 23, 2024. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 17, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 29, 2024. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/31/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 16, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 31, 2024. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
07/16/2024	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 07/16/2024)

07/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 16, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 17, 2024. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 07/17/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 15, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 18, 2024. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/18/2024)