

United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.3.3 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20–cv–02704

Laws v. United States of America Department of Science and
 Technology et al
 Assigned to: Honorable Virginia M. Kendall
 Cause: 28:1331 Federal Question

Date Filed: 05/05/2020
 Date Terminated: 07/02/2020
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/24/2020	<u>5</u>	ORDER Third Amended General Order 20–0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID–19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on April 24, 2020. All open cases are impacted by this Third Amended General Order. Parties must carefully review all obligations under this Order, including the requirement listed in paragraph number 5 to file a joint written status report in most civil cases. See attached Order. Signed by the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 4/24/2020. Mailed notice (ph,) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020	<u>1</u>	RECEIVED Complaint and no copies by Reginald D Laws. (ph,) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet. (ph,) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020	<u>3</u>	APPLICATION by Plaintiff Reginald D Laws for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. (ph,) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/05/2020	<u>4</u>	PRO SE Appearance by Plaintiff Reginald D Laws. (ph,) (Entered: 05/05/2020)
05/07/2020	<u>6</u>	NOTICE TO THE PARTIES – The Court is participating in the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot (MIDP). The key features and deadlines are set forth in this Notice which includes a link to the (MIDP) Standing Order and a Checklist for use by the parties. In cases subject to the pilot, all parties must respond to the mandatory initial discovery requests set forth in the Standing Order before initiating any further

		discovery in this case. Please note: The discovery obligations in the Standing Order supersede the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1). Any party seeking affirmative relief must serve a copy of the following documents (Notice of Mandatory Initial Discovery and the Standing Order) on each new party when the Complaint, Counterclaim, Crossclaim, or Third-Party Complaint is served. (ph,) (Entered: 05/07/2020)
05/07/2020	<u>7</u>	ORDER signed by the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall on 5/7/2020. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis <u>3</u> is granted. But Plaintiff has not established that this case is ripe for judicial review, so the Complaint is dismissed without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. Plaintiff may file a renewed Complaint within 21 days of the entry of this Order in which he must describe whether he filed FOIA requests with the agencies and whether he exhausted his administrative remedies. Otherwise, this case will be summarily dismissed. See Order for further details. Mailed notice(lk,) (Entered: 05/07/2020)
05/18/2020	<u>8</u>	AMENDED complaint by Reginald D Laws against United States of America Department of Energy, United States of America Department of Science and Technology (pj,) (Entered: 05/18/2020)
05/26/2020	<u>9</u>	ORDER ORDER Fourth Amended General Order 20-0012 IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY Signed by the Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on May 26, 2020. This Order does not extend or modify any deadlines set in civil cases. For non-emergency motions, no motion may be noticed for presentment on a date earlier than July 15, 2020. See attached Order. Signed by the Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer on 5/26/2020: Mailed notice. (docket11,) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
06/15/2020	<u>10</u>	ORDER signed by the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall on 6/15/2020. Given the lack of clarity about from whom Laws seeks information and about whether he has exhausted his administrative remedies, the Court dismisses the Amended Complaint <u>8</u> without prejudice for failure to establish that this Court has jurisdiction. If Law wishes to file a second Amended Complaint, he must do so within 21 days of the entry of this Order. The new Complaint must describe: 1) whether he has submitted FOIA requests, 2) to which agencies he has submitted FOIA requests, 3) whether those requests were denied, 4) whether he filed administrative appeals, and 5) the disposition of those appeals. If Laws fails to follow these instructions, the case will be dismissed with prejudice. See Order for further details. Mailed notice(lk,) (Entered: 06/15/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>11</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall. Case is dismissed with prejudice for failure to comply with Order <u>10</u> dated 6/15/2020. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice (lk,) (Entered: 07/02/2020)