

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01201-RC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/25/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/25/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6081415) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Att'y General, # <u>4</u> Summons Dept of Agriculture)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 04/25/2019)

04/25/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>4</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>4</u> motion for extension of time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its answer or other response to Plaintiff's complaint on or before June 26, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/24/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer or other response to Plaintiff's complaint due by 6/26/2019, (hs) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.(Clark, Denise) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before July 10, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/26/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 7/10/2019 (tj) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/10/2019	<u>6</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Clark, Denise); Modified on 7/10/2019 (tth). (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/10/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to; emailed to denise.clark@usdoj.gov, cc'd 6 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect header/caption/case number, 2. Incorrect document/case, 3. Please refile document (zthh, ) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> motion for extension of time: it is hereby ORDERED that the joint proposed briefing schedule previously due by July 10, 2019 is now due by July 17, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/11/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 7/17/2019 (tj) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to; emailed to denise.clark@usdoj.gov, cc'd 6 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Invalid attorney signature, 2. In future, ECF login must match signature on document; Do not refile. (znmw, ) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before September 9, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/18/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/9/2019. (tj) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
09/09/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 09/09/2019)

09/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before November 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/09/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before January 14, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/12/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Michelle D. Jackson on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Denise M. Clark (Jackson, Michelle) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/14/2020 (tj) (Entered: 12/11/2019)
01/14/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 01/14/2020)
01/14/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before March 16, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/14/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/14/2020)
01/15/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/16/2020 (tj) (Entered: 01/15/2020)
03/16/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jackson, Michelle) (Entered: 03/16/2020)
03/16/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 18, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/16/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/16/2020)
03/18/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/18/2020 (tj) (Entered: 03/18/2020)
05/15/2020	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kristin Brudy–Everett on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Substituting for attorney Michelle D. Jackson (Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 05/15/2020)
05/18/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 05/18/2020)
05/18/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before July 20, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/18/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/18/2020)
05/19/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/20/2020 (tj) (Entered: 05/19/2020)
07/20/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 07/20/2020)
07/20/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before September 21, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/20/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/20/2020)
07/21/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/21/2020. (tj) (Entered: 07/21/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Brudy–Everett, Kristin) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before November 20, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on

		09/21/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/22/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/20/2020. (tj) (Entered: 09/22/2020)
11/19/2020	<u>18</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/19/2020)