DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE FOIA ANNUAL REPORT FY09

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2. Brief description of why some requests are not granted and an overview of certain general categories of the agency's records to which the FOIA exemptions apply.

A request for records may be denied if the requested record contains information which falls into one or more of the nine FOIA exemptions listed in section III, 3. If the requested record contains both exempt and nonexempt information, the nonexempt portions which may reasonably be segregated from the exempt portions will be released to the requester.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Agency-specific acronyms or terms used in this Report.

OS- Office of the Secretary BIS- Bureau of Industry and Security Census- Bureau of the Census

EDA- Economic Development Administration

ESA- Economic and Statistics Administration/Bureau of Economic Analysis
ITA- International Trade Administration
MBDA- Minority Business Development Agency
NIST- National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOAA- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTIA- National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTIS- National Technical Information Service
OIG- Office of Inspector General
PTO- United States Patent and Trademark Office
AGC/Admin.- Assistant General Counsel for Administration

- 2. Definitions of terms used in this Report:
 - a. **Administrative Appeal** a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
 - b. **Average Number** the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.
 - c. **Backlog** the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
 - d. **Component** for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
 - e. **Consultation** the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
 - f. **Exemption 3 Statute** a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
 - g. **FOIA Request** a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include

any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report.

Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- h. **Full Grant** an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. **Full Denial** an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.
- j. **Median Number** the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. Multi-Track Processing a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
 - i. **Expedited Processing** an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
 - ii. **Simple Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
 - iii. **Complex Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- 1. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- m. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.

- n. **Perfected Request** a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- o. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- p. **Range in Number of Days** the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- q. **Time Limits** the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).
- 3. Concise descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions:
 - a. **Exemption 1**: classified national defense and foreign relations information
 - b. **Exemption 2**: internal agency rules and practices
 - c. **Exemption 3**: information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
 - d. **Exemption 4**: trade secrets and other confidential business information
 - e. **Exemption 5**: inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
 - f. **Exemption 6**: information involving matters of personal privacy
 - g. **Exemption 7**: records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
 - h. **Exemption 8**: information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
 - i. **Exemption 9**: geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

A. Exemption 3 Statutes Relied upon to Withhold Information for Initial Requests

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied upon per Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency
50 U.S.C. § 2411(c), Export Administration Act of 1979 § 12 (c)	Information concerning exporting license applications	Export Information Twin Coast Newspapers, Inc. v Dept. of Commerce, No. 78-0978 (D.D.C. Nov. 6, 1979)	BIS – 13	13
35 U.S.C. § 122	Information concerning patent applications	Irons & Sears v Dann, 606 F.2d 1215, 1220 (D.C. Cir.1979)	PTO – 17	17
13 U.S.C. § 9	Information collected by the Bureau of the Census	Baldrige v Shapiro, 455 U.S, 355 (1982)	OS – 1 Census – 32	33
5 U.S.C. appendix 105, Ethics in Govt. Act of 1978	Financial Disclosure Information	Meyerhoff v EPA 958 Fed 2 1497 9 th Circuit (1992)	OS – 1	1
15 U.S.C. 7306(c)	Public Safety Information	No Case	NIST - 5	5
13 U.S.C. § 301(g)	Shippers' Export Declarations	Young Conservative Found v Dept. of Commerce, No. 85-3982 (D.D.C. March 25, 1987)	Census – 3	3
41 U.S.C. § 253 &423	Proposal not set forth or incorporated by reference in a contract	Hornbostel v Dept. of Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21 (D.D.C. 2003)	NOAA - 8 NTIA-1 PTO - 2	11
16 U.S.C. § 1881(a)	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – pertains to statistical information contained in fishery management plans.	No Case	NOAA -9	9

V. FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Requests

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
OS	20	235	245	10
BIS	11	89	91	9
Census	4	234	229	9
EDA	1	37	34	4
ESA	0	12	12	0
ITA	0	141	114	27
MBDA	0	10	10	0
NIST	22	170	157	35
NOAA	172	688	708	152
NTIA	0	45	45	0
NTIS	0	21	21	0
OIG	4	48	51	1
РТО	20*	361	375	6
AGENCY OVERALL	254 **	2091	2092	253

* In the FY2008 FOIA Annual Report, PTO reported the number of requests pending at the end of FY08 as "22." This number was reported incorrectly. The correct figure is "20." Therefore, the number of requests pending as of the start of FY09 has been amended to "20" in the FY09 report.

** In the FY2008 FOIA Annual Report, the number of requests pending at the end of FY08 was reported as "256." Due to the amendment in the number of requests pending as of the start of FY09 for PTO (see footnote above), the number of requests pending as of the start of FY09 for the agency overall has been amended to "254."

	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants/ Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions		Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions								
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in chart below	TOTAL
	58	32	1	40	15	14	41	13	0	30	1	0	245
OS													
	17	14	4	11	1	3	39	2	0	0	0	0	91
BIS													
	15	32	33	42	19	17	37	1	11	0	0	22	229
Census													
	20	4	3	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
EDA													
	2	1	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
ESA													
	35	9	5	20	0	7	25	6	6	0	1	0	114
ITA													

B. (1) Disposition of FOIA Requests – All Processed Requests

	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
MBDA													
	30	12	7	12	3	8	20	4	0	58	0	3	157
NIST													
	492	74	14	35	3	21	51	2	2	0	9	5	708
NOAA													
	25	6	2	8	0	4	0	0	0		0	0	45
NTIA													
	11	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	21
NTIS													
	4	10	3	6	0	14	1	0	0	0	0	13	51
OIG													
	69	59	13	54	2	6	62	6	101	2	1	0	375
РТО													
AGENCY OVERALL	784	255	85	246	44	97	279	34	120	92	12	44	2092

B. (2) Disposition of FOIA Requests – "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from Section V, B (1) Chart

Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied upon	TOTAL
	Publicly Available Information 21	
	Appealed Before Response Sent	
Census	1 No Certification of Identity Document Provided	22
	1	
	Handled Through Another Process Outside of FOIA	
NIST	2	3
	Publicly Available Information	
NOAA	5	5
	Statute Based Price Authority	
NTIS	1	1
	Request Misdirected and Withdrawn	
OIG	13	13

	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
		4	5	-	5	U		7(D)	7(0)	/(D)		/(1)	0	,
	1	6	2	2	16	25	1	0	4	0	3	1	0	0
OS														
	4	1	13	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
BIS														
	0	8	35	9	6	25	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Census														
	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDA														
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESA														
	1	2	0	4	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITA														
	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA														
	0	0	5	8	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST														
	0	8	17	27	52	30	6	0	6	0	4	0	0	0
NOAA														
	0	1	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
NTIA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIS														
	0	3	0	0	5	3	1	0	8	0	2	0	0	0
OIG														
	0	23	19	19	9	25	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
РТО														
	6	52	92	80	108	122	11	0	23	2	12	3	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL														

B. (3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - Number of Times Exemptions Applied

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending Administrative Appeals

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Bureau	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
AGC/Admin.*	87	68	95	60
РТО	0	15	15	0
	87	83	110	60
AGENCY OVERALL				

* Assistant General Counsel for Administration (AGC/Admin.) processes the appeals for all the Department of Commerce components, except for PTO.

B. Disposition of Administrative Appeals – All Processed Appeals

	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
AGC/Admin.	10	29	27	29	95
РТО	14	1	0	0	15
AGENCY OVERALL	24	30	27	29	110

Bureau	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
AGC/ Admin.	0	2	8	4	25	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
РТО	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	3	10	4	27	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

C. (1) Reasons for Denial on Appeal – Number of Times Exemptions Applied

C. (2)	Reasons for Denial on Appeal – Reasons Other than Exemptions	
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	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
AGC/Admin.	4	0	8	8	0	5	1	3	0	0	0
РТО	6	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
AGENCY OVERALL	10	1	8	11	0	6	1	3	0	3	0

C. (3) Reasons for Denial on Appeal – "Other" Reasons from Section VI, C (2) Chart

Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C (2) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied upon	TOTAL
0	0

Bureau	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
AGC/Admin.	208	410	4	1447
РТО	17	19	1	20
Agency Overall	338	104	4	1447

C. (4) Response Time for Administrative Appeals

C. (5) Ten Oldest Pending Administrative Appeals

Bureau		10 th									
		Oldest Appeal	9^{th}	8 th	7 th	6^{th}	5^{th}	4 th	3 rd	2^{nd}	Oldest Appeal
AGC/Admin.	Date of Receipt of Ten Oldest Appeals	5/30/06	2/14/06	2/13/06	12/9/05	10/17/05	9/20/05	8/1/05	1/14/05	4/28/03	3/17/03
AGC/Admin.	Number of Days Pending	873	948	949	995	1034	1053	1089	1230	1679	1709
		10 th Oldest Appeal	9 th	8 th	7 th	6^{th}	5 th	$4^{\rm th}$	3 rd	2^{nd}	Oldest Appeal
РТО	Date of Receipt of Ten Oldest Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	Date of Receipt	5/30/06	2/14/06	2/13/06	12/9/05	10/17/05	9/20/05	8/1/05	1/14/05	4/28/03	3/17/03
Agency Overall	Number of Days Pending	873	948	949	995	1034	1053	1089	1230	1679	1709

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

A. Processed Requests – Response Time for All Processed Perfected Requests

		SIM	PLE			СОМ	PLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING				
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	
	13	13	1	46	82	134	52	573	0	0	0	0	
OS													
	6	15	1	112	51	74	10	214	0	0	0	0	
BIS													
	9	11	1	66	0	0	0	0	24	24	20	30	
Census													
	1	4	1	9	20	27	11	57	8	8	8	8	
EDA													
	9	10	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ESA													

	11	21	1	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITA												
	12	19	7	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA												
	28	31	1	256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST												
	9	9	1	20	50	113	21	762	6	10	5	40
NOAA												
	7	9	1	26	0	0	0	0	19	19	9	29
NTIA												
	7	6	6	10	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5
NTIS												
	20	23	1	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG												
-	5	7	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО												
	12	15	1	256	51	115	10	762	20	18	5	40
AGENCY OVERALL												

B. Processed Requests – Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted

		SIM	PLE			СОМ	PLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING				
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	
	14	14	1	46	178	198	64	573	0	0	0	0	
OS													
	19	30	4	112	50	73	10	214	0	0	0	0	
BIS													
	19	20	5	66	0	0	0	0	24	25	22	30	
Census													
	4	4	1	9	18	21	11	57	8	8	8	8	
EDA													
	6	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ESA													

	14	15	1	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITA												
	12	19	7	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA												
	28	32	1	256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST												
	9	9	1	20	50	119	21	762	6	10	5	40
NOAA												
	2	8	1	26	0	0	0	0	19	19	9	29
NTIA												
	6	7	6	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5
NTIS												
	19	26	1	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG												
	10	10	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО												
	12	15	1	256	52	119	10	762	20	18	5	40
AGENCY												
OVERALL												

- C. Processed Requests Response Time in Day Increments
 - 1. Number of perfected requests processed in each of the thirteen designated time increments.

Simp	le Red	quests
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	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
	115	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166
OS														
	60	11	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
BIS														
	203	18	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224
Census														
	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
EDA														
	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
ESA														
	87	41	3	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	141
ITA														

	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MBDA	110	24	-		-			0	0	0		0	0	1.5.5
	119	24	5	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	157
NIST														
	413	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	413
NOAA														
	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
NTIA	• •		<u>^</u>				<u>^</u>							• •
	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
NTIS		_		_	_		_		_		_	_	_	
	38	9	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	51
OIG														
010	94	250	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375
						-	-					-	-	
РТО														
	1226	403	47	13	6	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	1703
AGENCY OVERALL														

Complex Requests

	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
	0	0	14	4	2	4	2	0	1	3	3	3	1	37
OS														
	2	3	5	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	16
BIS														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Census														
	9	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
EDA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA														

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST														
	0	119	40	22	17	13	10	12	3	6	20	15	18	295
NOAA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIS														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО														
	11	128	61	26	21	18	13	12	5	9	24	18	19	365
AGENCY OVERALL														

Requests Granted Expedited Processing

	1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OS														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIS														
	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Census														
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
EDA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITA														

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST														
	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
NOAA														
	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
NTIA														
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NTIS														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG														
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО														
	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
AGENCY OVERALL														

D. Pending Requests – All Pending Perfected Requests

1. Number of perfected requests pending as of the end of fiscal year, and the median and average number of days those requests had been pending.

		SIMPLE			COMPLEX		EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	
	4	11	7	6	93	214	0	0	0	
OS										
	2	31	34	7	99	119	0	0	0	
BIS										
	8	7	7	0	0	0	1	51	51	
Census										
	4	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EDA										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ESA										
	27	34	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ITA										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MBDA										
	35	171	258	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NIST										
	0	0	0	152	92	154	0	0	0	
NOAA										

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIA									
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIS									
	1	52	52	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG									
	6	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
РТО									
	87	10	24	165	34	103	1	51	51
AGENCY									
OVERALL									

E. Pending Requests – Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

1. Dates of receipt of the ten oldest perfected requests pending as of the end of the fiscal year, and the number of days those requests had been pending.

	10 th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
	9/25/09	9/25/09	9/15/09	8/13/09	7/28/09	6/2/09	5/27/09	5/19/09	4/2/08	5/3/07
OS	3	3	11	13	44	84	88	93	378	605
	N/A	9/23/09	9/9/09	8/31/09	8/31/09	8/31/09	7/28/09	7/28/09	6/6/09	4/2/09
BIS		7	21	30	30	30	64	64	117	151
	N/A	9/28/09	9/25/09	9/22/09	9/21/09	9/21/09	9/17/09	9/16/09	9/9/09	7/20/09
Census		2	3	6	7	7	9	10	15	51
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/28/09	9/23/09	9/17/09	8/18/09
							8	9	14	10
EDA										(per requestor notification, payment for fee forthcoming)
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ESA										
	8/4/09	8/3/09	7/1/09	6/26/09	6/26/09	6/8/09	6/4/09	5/29/09	2/26/09	2/26/09
ITA	41	42	64	67	68	81	83	87	152	152
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MBDA										
	7/8/08	6/24/08	4/21/08	8/24/07	8/8/07	3/5/07	2/9/07	3/24/06	2/27/06	1/6/06
NIST	309	319	363	588	600	697	710	919	947	1001
	1/17/08	11/29/07	11/7/07	10/31/07	10/30/07	7/2/07	6/11/07	4/30/07	12/8/06	10/20/06
NOAA	428	462	472	480	482	564	579	608	705	753
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NTIA										24

	N/A	N/A	N/A							
NTIS										
	N/A	N/A	8/17/09							
OIG										52
	N/A	9/22/09	9/21/09	9/8/09						
РТО								6	7	16

Agency Overall	10 th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
	10/20/06	7/20/06	4/26/06	4/17/06	3/24/06	2/21/06	2/6/06	1/11/06	1/6/06	1/6/06
	487	552	613	618	635	657	667	684	688	688

VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
	0	0	0	0	0
OS					
	0	0	0	0	0
BIS					
	5	1	1	1	6
Census					
	1	0	1	1	1
EDA					
	0	0	0	0	0
ESA					
	0	19	1	1	19
ITA					
	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA					
MDDA	0	0	0	0	0
NIST					
	10	5	14	15	7
NOAA					
ΠΟΛΛ	2	1	21	16	0
ΝΤΙΛ					
NTIA	1	0	1	1	1
NTIS					

	0	0	0	0	0
OIG					
	0	9	1	2	9
PTO					
	19	35	11	9	43
AGENCY					
OVERALL					

B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
	4	1	10	10
OS				
	2	0	1	1
BIS				
	5	2	2	2
Census				
	0	0	0	0
EDA				
	0	0	0	0
ESA				
	26	0	1	1
ITA				
	0	0	0	0
MBDA				
	0	5	5	7
NIST				
	29	6	15	14
NOAA				
	1	1	21	16
NTIA				

	3	0	1	1
NTIS				
	0	0	0	0
OIG				
	0	9	4	5
РТО				
	70	24	5	10
AGENCY				
OVERALL				

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

	Column 1	Column 2					
		PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full- Time FOIA Staff" (The sum of Columns 1 & 2)	Processing Costs (At initial request and appeal levels)	Litigation- Related Costs	Total Costs	
	3	N/A	3	329,892.74*	8,076.20	337,968.94	
OS	1	.35	1.35	122,048.00	N/A	122,048.00	
BIS				122,048.00		122,040.00	
Census	N/A	3.7	3.7	347,194.67	N/A	347,194.67	
	N/A	1	1	40,587.00	N/A	40,587.00	
EDA	N/A	1	1	1,650.00	N/A	1,650.00	
	.5	N/A	.5	47,513.00	12,535.20	60,,048.20	
ITA	N/A	.25	.25	21,912.25	N/A	21,912.25	
MBDA	N/A	1	1	96,894.00	10,799.20	107,963.20	
NIST							

	2	10	12	1,023,372.00	18,486.20	1,041,858.20
NOAA						
	1	N/A	1	63,851.00	N/A	63,851.00
NTIA						
	N/A	.05	.05	10,500.00	N/A	10,500.00
NTIS						
	N/A	1.65	1.65	269,488.00	N/A	269,488.00
OIG						
	3	1.5	4.5	275,728.00**	12,837.00	288,565.00
РТО						
	10.5	18.8	29.3	2,650,630.60	62,733.80	2,713,364.40
AGENCY						
OVERALL						

*Includes processing costs at the appeal level for the AGC/Admin. ** Includes processing costs at the appeal level for PTO.

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
	520.46	.017%
OS		
	10,128.78	8.2%
BIS		
	108.84	0.03%
Census		
	165.87	.40%
EDA		
	0	0
ESA		
	0	0
ITA		
	0	0
MBDA		
MIDDA	26,479.49	27%
NICT		
NIST	24,139.48	2.4%
NOAA	259.77	0.4%
NTIA	0	0
NTIS	0	0
	U	V
OIG		

	7,342.00	2.5%
РТО		
	69,144.69	.025%
AGENCY OVERALL		

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS

• Electronic link to FOIA regulations, including fee schedule.

www.osec.doc.gov/omo/FOIA/ereadingroom.htm#laws

XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS

A.	Backlogs of FC	DIA Requests and	Administrative Appeals

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
	6	9*
OS		
	8	4*
BIS		
	1	2*
Census		
	0	0*
EDA		
	0	1*
ESA		
	16	2*
ITA		
	0	0*
MBDA		

	29	9*
NIST		
	98	32*
NOAA		
	0	1*
NTIA		
	0	0*
NTIS		
	1	0*
OIG		
	0	0
РТО	159	60
AGENCY		
OVERALL		

* Assistant General Counsel for Administration (AGC/Admin.) processes the appeals for all the Department of Commerce components, except for PTO. Data provided by AGC/Admin.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at Your Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Processed</u> by Your Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at Your Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
OS	0	6	6	0
BIS	5	12	15	2
Census	0	0	0	0
EDA	0	0	0	0
ESA	0	1	1	0
ITA	0	25	14	11
MBDA	0	0	0	0
NIST	0	2	2	0
NOAA	0	0	0	0
NTIA	0	0	0	0
NTIS	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0
РТО	0	2	2	0

B. Consultations on FOIA Requests – Received, Processed, and Pending Consultations

	5	48	40	13
AGENCY OVERALL				

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests – Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending at Your Agency

	10 th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
OS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
									7/28/09	6/5/09
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45	81
BIS										
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Census										
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EDA										
ESA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ESA			9/15/09	8/28/09	8/24/09	8/11/09	8/4/09	7/1/09	6/26/09	2/26/09
	9/17/09	9/17/09	12	23	27	36	41	64	67	152
ITA	10	10	12	23	27	50	71	04	07	132
MBDA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NIST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

| NOAA | N/A |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| NTIA | N/A |
| NTIS | N/A |
| OIG | N/A |
| РТО | N/A |

Agency	10 th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending
Overall	Date	8/28/09	8/24/09	8/11/09	8/4/09	7/28/09	7/1/09	6/26/09	6/5/09	2/26/09
	Number of Days	23	27	36	41	45	64	67	81	152

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report – Requests Received, Processed, and Backlogged

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	
	NUMBER OF REQ	QUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>		
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	
	227	235	223	245	
OS					
	67	89	58	91	
BIS	194	234	196	229	
	194	234	190	229	
Census		27		24	
	64	37	64	34	
EDA		12		12	
	9	12	9	12	
ESA					
	111	141	111	114	
ITA					
	28	10	28	10	
MBDA					
	180	170	176	157	
NIST					
	605	688	576	708	
NOAA					
	6	45	7	45	
NTIA					

	15	21	16	21
NTIS				
	46	48	46	51
OIG				
	384	361	375	375
РТО				
	1936	2091	1885	2092
AGENCY OVERALL				

	Column 1	Column 2
	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
	15	6
OS		
	6	8
BIS		
	1	1
Census		
	0	0
EDA		
	0	0
ESA		
	0	16
ITA		
	0	0
MBDA		

	17	29
NIST		
	102	98
NOAA		
	0	0
NTIA		
	0	0
NTIS		
	2	1
010		
OIG		
	0	0
РТО		
	143	159
AGENCY OVERALL		

E. Comparison of Numbers of Administrative Appeals from Previous and Current Annual Report – Appeals Received, Processed, and Backlogged

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	
	NUMBER OF AP	PEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>		
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	
	53	68	46	95	
AGC/Admin.					
	17	15	17	15	
РТО					
	70	83	63	110	
AGENCY OVERALL					

	Column 1	Column 2
	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
	87	60
AGC/Admin.		
	0	0
РТО		
	87	60
AGENCY OVERALL		