

**U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's FOIA Initial Requests and Administrative Appeals Backlog Reduction Goal For Fiscal Years 2008, 2009 and 2010**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes the following goals as directed by the Department of Justice and E.O. 13,392 with respect to the number of FOIA requests and administrative appeals that are received and processed in the next three fiscal years (FY) as well as the goal as set out in EPA's Freedom of Information Act Improvement Plan for the number of requests it expects to be pending beyond the statutory time period at the end of each of the fiscal years for FY 2008, 2009 and 2010. EPA has also set out goals for the number of administrative appeals pending beyond the statutory deadlines for FY 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**Requests - (Fiscal Year 2008)**

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY</b> | <b>Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY</b> |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>2008</b>        | <b>1,727</b>   | <b>12,000</b>  | <b>11,700</b>   | <b>1,200<sup>1</sup></b>  |

**(Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010)**

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY</b> | <b>Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY</b> |
|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>2009</b>        | <b>1,200<br/>Use # from last column above</b>   | <b>11,750</b>  | <b>11,700</b>   | <b>1,175<sup>1</sup></b>  |
| <b>2010</b>        | <b>1,175<br/>Use # from last column above</b>   | <b>11,500</b>  | <b>11,700</b>   | <b>1,150<sup>1</sup></b>  |

<sup>1</sup> EPA's backlog reduction goals as set out in E.O. 13,329 implementation plan, (i.e., not to exceed 10% of the number of new requests received in any FY.) EPA surpassed its reduction goal and at the beginning of FY08, the Agency had **783** initial requests and **185** appeals in its backlog.

**U. S. EPA's FOIA Appeals Backlog Reduction Goal for FY 08, 09 and 10**

**Appeals - (Fiscal Year 2008)**

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Number of Pending Appeals at Beginning of FY</b> | <b>Estimated Number of Appeals Incoming During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals to be Processed During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY</b> |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <b>2008</b>        | <b>196</b>  | <b>90</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>175</b>   |

**(Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010)**

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Projected Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY</b> | <b>Estimated Number of Appeals Incoming During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals to be Processed During FY</b> | <b>Agency's Goal for Number of Appeals Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at End of FY</b> |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|
| <b>2009</b>        | <b>175<br/>Use # from last column above</b>  | <b>90</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>165</b>   |
| <b>2010</b>        | <b>165<br/>Use # from last column above</b>  | <b>90</b>   | <b>100</b>   | <b>155</b>   |