

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR)	
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No.: 16-2112 (RC)
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (“PEER”), and Defendant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), submit this Joint Status Report to apprise the Court of their progress in resolving this case.

1. By minute order dated May 25, 2017, the Court ordered the parties to submit Joint Status Reports every 60 days, beginning on June 26, 2017.

2. EPA’s releases in response to PEER’s FOIA request are ongoing. EPA is processing records at a pace of 1,000 documents per month. Notably, that pace amounts to substantially more than 1,000 pages per month, as documents often have multiple pages. EPA has made three releases and commits to continuing to process records at that pace. On June 9, 2017, EPA released 219 pages to plaintiff with redactions under Exemptions 5 and 6. EPA anticipates making another release on July 10, 2017.

3. EPA currently estimates that it has approximately 30,000 documents to process, a number that could rise considerably as it completes its search, perhaps to as many as 50,000 documents. EPA is willing to work with PEER to refine the scope of the request

should PEER determine that the existing timeline is unmanageable.

Respectfully submitted,

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