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IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

A. Exemption 3 Statutes Relied Upon to Withhold Information

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied Upon Per Component
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V. FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed and Pending FOIA Requests

	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year
VETS-FOIA	2	32	29
VETS Region I	2	15	17
VETS Region II	2	14	15
VETS Region III	0	20	20
VETS Region IV	3	24	25
VETS Region V	1	21	21
VETS Region VI	2	15	17
Agency Overall	12	141	144

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

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Total Number of Times
Relied Upon by Agency

Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
5
0
1
0
2
1
0
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	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				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Other
VETS-FOIA	7	6	0	5	0	3	3	0	0	
VETS Region I	2	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
VETS Region II	0	8	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	
VETS Region III	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VETS Region IV	0	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
VETS Region V	3	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
VETS Region VI	0	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Agency Overall	23	86	7	9	0	6	3	1	0	

B.(2) Disposition of FOIA Requests - "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from

Component
VETS Region I

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Exemptions			Total
Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in chart below	
2	0	3	29
0	0	0	17
0	0	3	15
0	0	0	20
0	0	0	25
0	0	1	21
0	0	0	17
2	0	7	144

n Section V, B(1) Chart

Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied Upon	Total
	0

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VETS Region II
VETS Region III
VETS Region IV
VETS Region V
VETS Region VI
VETS-FOIA
Agency Overall

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

	Ex.1	Ex.2	Ex.3	Ex.4	Ex.5	Ex.6	Ex.7(A)	Ex.7(B)	Ex.7(C)	Ex.7(D)
VETS-FOIA	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	1
VETS Region I	0	0	0	6	13	0	0	0	13	0
VETS Region II	0	2	1	2	6	2	1	0	2	1
VETS Region III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
VETS Region IV	0	0	0	0	24	22	0	0	16	10
VETS Region V	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	10	2
VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	10	0	6	0	10	6
Agency Overall	0	2	1	8	56	28	8	1	53	25

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Pending MOR at DOJ - 1 Reassigned to National Office for Action - 1 transferred to RegionIII - 1	3
	0
	0
Transferred to VETS Atlanta Office for Action. - 1	1
	0
Administratively Close - No reply received as of 2/15/2017 - 1 Transferred to OSHA for Action - 1 Transferred to SOL Appeal Unit for Action - 1	3
	7

Ex.7(E)	Ex.7(F)	Ex.8	Ex.9
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0

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

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

	Simple					Complex				
	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
VETS N. O.	1	2.0	2.0	2	2	27	10.0	14.8	1	45
VETS Region I	15	20.0	26.5	15	111	2	22.5	22.5	20	25
VETS Region II	0					14	20.5	33.3	2	197
VETS Region III	1	5.0	5.0	5	5	19	6.0	7.4	4	19
VETS Region IV	0					22	15.5	14.8	1	20
VETS Region V	19	15.0	13.0	2	20	2	11.5	11.5	4	19
VETS Region VI	0					17	14.0	14.3	2	29
Agency Overall	36	19.0	18.1	2	111	103	14.0	15.9	1	197

	Simple					Complex				
	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
VETS N. O.	1	2.0	2.0	2	2	12	20.0	21.1	9	39

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Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
1	10.0	10.0	10	10
0				
1	10.0	10.0	10	10
0				
3	6.0	6.7	6	8
0				
0				
5	8.0	8.0	6	10

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

Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
0				

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Expedited Processing				
# of Requests Processed	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
0				
1	10.0	10.0	10	10
0				
3	6.0	6.7	6	8
0				
0				
4	7.0	7.5	6	10

201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	15
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	19
0	0	0	0

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0	0	0	36
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201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	27
0	0	0	2
0	0	0	14
0	0	0	19
0	0	0	22
0	0	0	2
0	0	0	17
0	0	0	103

201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	Total
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	3
0	0	0	0

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VETS Region VI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Overall	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D. Pending Requests - All Pending Perfected Requests

	Simple			Complex			Expedited Proce	
	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
VETS N. O.	0			5	12.0	12.6	0	
VETS Region I	0			0			0	
VETS Region II	0			1	21.0	21.0	0	
VETS Region III	0			0			0	
VETS Region IV	0			2	2.0	2.0	0	
VETS Region V	0			1	2.0	2.0	0	
VETS Region VI	0			0			0	
Agency Overall	0			9	4.0	10.0	0	

E. Pending Requests - Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

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	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
VETS N. O.							09/15/2017 4
VETS Region I							
VETS Region II							
VETS Region III							
VETS Region IV							
VETS Region V							
VETS Region VI							

	10th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
Agency Overall	0	0	0	09/27/2017 2 841411	09/21/2017 4 841218	09/15/2017 4 841022	09/11/2017 12 840321

VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

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3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
09/11/2017 12	08/25/2017 22	08/22/2017 25
		08/28/2017 21
		09/21/2017 4
		09/27/2017 2

3rd	2nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
08/28/2017 21 839304	08/25/2017 22 839194	08/22/2017 25 838690

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	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	1	0	12.0	12.0
VETS Region I	0	2	18.5	18.5
VETS Region II	0	0		
VETS Region III	0	0		
VETS Region IV	1	0	10.0	10.0
VETS Region V	0	0		
VETS Region VI	0	0		
Agency Overall	2	2	14.0	14.8

B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate
VETS-FOIA	5	2	9
VETS Region I	4	0	13.5
VETS Region II	0	0	
VETS Region III	0	0	
VETS Region IV	0	0	
VETS Region V	1	1	17

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Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
0
0
0
0
1
0
0
1

Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
12.3
33.3
17

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VETS Region VI	0	2	17
Agency Overall	10	5	14

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs**
VETS-FOIA	0	
VETS Region I	0	
VETS Region II	238.5	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	
VETS Region V	0	
VETS Region VI	62.2	
Agency Overall	300.7	

XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

Agency Name	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year**
VETS-FOIA	2	

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17
19.1

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VETS Region I	0	
VETS Region II	1	
VETS Region III	0	
VETS Region IV	0	
VETS Region V	0	
VETS Region VI	0	
Agency Overall	3	

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

	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
VETS-FOIA	0	0	0
VETS Region I	0	0	0
VETS Region II	0	0	0
VETS Region III	0	0	0
VETS Region IV	0	0	0
VETS Region V	0	0	0

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Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at Your Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
0
0
0
0
0
0

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VETS Region VI	0	0	0
Agency Overall	0	0	0

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests - Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending a

	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
VETS-FOIA							
VETS Region I							
VETS Region II							
VETS Region III							
VETS Region IV							
VETS Region V							
VETS Region VI							

	10th Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th
Agency Overall							

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report - Requests Received, Processe

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0
0

t Your Agency

3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation and Number of Days Pending

d, and Backlogged

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	Number of Requests Received		Number of Requests Processed	
	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
VETS-FOIA	21	32	20	2
VETS Region I	18	15	17	1
VETS Region II	16	14	18	1
VETS Region III	22	20	22	2
VETS Region IV	24	24	23	2
VETS Region V	17	21	16	2
VETS Region VI	23	15	22	1
Agency Overall	141	141	138	14

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report
VETS-FOIA	0
VETS Region I	0
VETS Region II	0
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	0
VETS Region V	0
VETS Region VI	0
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	Fee Information During the Year Fee Billed
VETS-FOIA	332.45
VETS Region I	0
VETS Region II	260.4
VETS Region III	0
VETS Region IV	39.97
VETS Region V	0
VETS Region VI	441.12
Agency Overall	1073.94

Fee Collected	
	0
	0
	238.5
	0
	0
	0
	62.2
	300.7

**Data is not captured in SIMS FOIA.