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***** ALERT ***** This FOIA Public Access Portal experienced a service disruption on Tuesday, February 18th. As a result, all FOIA requests submitted via this site between 7:00 PM EST on Monday, February 17th and 4:30 PM EST on Tuesday, February 18th were lost and cannot be recovered. If you submitted a request via this public access portal during this time period, please resubmit the request. We apologize for the inconvenience.

To Submit a FOIA/Privacy Act Request Online

Using links in the upper right corner of this page, **Register** to create an online profile or **Sign In** to your existing profile. Once logged in to your account profile, you can submit a request, check the status of a request, send a message to the FOIA officer, or download responsive records from a request.

Helpful Information to Review Prior to Submitting a Request

The Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, is a law that provides any person access to agency records, except to the extent that such agency records or portions of such agency records are protected from disclosure by one or more of the [nine FOIA exemptions](#).

There are certain requirements for making a USDA FOIA request, and in some cases, the records you are requesting may already be posted online. Prior to submitting a request, navigate to the [USDA's FOIA website](#) for information about the following topics:

- Requirements and tips for making a USDA FOIA request
- USDA FOIA component reading rooms
- USDA FOIA points of contact
- Prior published USDA FOIA reports
- FOIA resources

If after reviewing the USDA's FOIA site, you determine that you need to file a FOIA request, we encourage you to submit your request online to facilitate faster processing.