



Department of Energy

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/PRIVACY PROGRAM

January 24, 2022

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2022-00379-F

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

James Patterson

Email: (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Patterson,

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) acknowledgment and response to your request for agency records and information, made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on January 19, 2022, and has been assigned a tracking number of BPA-2022-00379-F. Please use that number in any correspondence with the agency regarding your FOIA request.

Request

“... [h]ow many COVID cases so far this month (January) BPA has had and how many of those were from [v]accinated individuals.”

Acknowledgement

BPA reviewed your request and determined that it fulfills all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and Department of Energy (DOE) FOIA regulations at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004.

Response

The agency’s Continuity of Operations office searched for and provided the following responsive information, as of January 19, 2022, at 12:00 pm:

83	Current Positive COVID19 persons in isolation
16	Positive COVID19 persons that have completed isolation
99	Total persons reporting a positive COVID19 test in 2022

The agency does not track the vaccination status of individuals who self-report as having tested positive for the coronavirus.

Fees

There are no fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records search and information release described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2022-00379-F is now closed with the available and responsive agency information provided.

Appeal

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: 202-741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication may be directed to BPA FOIA Public Liaison Jason E. Taylor at 503-230-3537 or jetaylor@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candice D. Palen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Candice D. Palen
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer