



FEMA

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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: andrew.janca@outlook.com

Mr. Andrew Janca
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Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2020-FEFO-00393

Dear Mr. Andrew Janca:

This letter serves as an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated and received in this office on February 18, 2020. You are seeking the following:

1. The two files
 - a. ARC Barrio Scores 12-26-17.xlsx
 - b. RCIA Zone Lead Status Report (1-10-2018).xlsx
2. If ARC, in their role as an instrumentality of the Government, collected similar data (barrio- or municipality-level time series data on population electric power status) for any part of the time periods below and it still exists, please provide this data for
 - a. Hurricane Maria, from September 2017 to the earlier of August 2018 or the time ARC stopped collecting this information
 - b. Hurricane Hugo (DR-0842-PR), from September 1989 to the earlier of January 1990 or the time ARC stopped collecting this information; and
 - c. Hurricane Georges (DR-1247-PR), from September 1998 to the earlier of December 1998 or the time ARC stopped collecting this information.
3. The disaster assistance application counts by mailing zip code, for DR-4339-PR survivors registering from Florida zip codes, release in previous FOIA request:
 - a. 2018-FEFO-00176
 - b. 2018-FEFO-00395
 - c. 2018-FEFO-00500
4. The total (total counts of) individual assistance registrations by county of damaged residence by day, for the disasters listed
5. The preliminary damage assessment information by aggregate counts in the four categories of structure damage (Affected, Minor, Major, Destroyed) by county for the disasters listed
6. Puerto Rico's 2013, 2014, and 2015 Threat and Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR) submissions

This first interim response addresses parts three (3) and four (4) of your FOIA request.

For records responsive to part three of your request, a search of FEMA's FOIA Office revealed one hundred and sixteen (116) Excel spreadsheets. Two (2) Excel spreadsheets previously released in 2018-FEFO-00176, one hundred thirteen (113) Excel spreadsheets previously released in 2018-FEFO-00395 and one (1) Excel spreadsheet previously released in 2018-FEFO-00500. For records responsive to part four of your request, a search of FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery- Reporting and Analytics Division (RAD), Information Management Division- Disclosure Branch (DB), and Region II - Caribbean Area Division was revealed one (1) Excel spreadsheet responsive to the total individual registrations by county of damaged residence by day for disasters you listed. Therefore, this interim release contains one hundred seventeen (117) Excel spreadsheets. Of those records, I have determined that 3 Excel spreadsheets are releasable in their entirety, and 114 Excel spreadsheets are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), FOIA Exemption 6.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure of personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test. In this instance, Registration IDs, Mailing Addresses, and Damaged Address have been withheld from release from the excel spreadsheets.

Because we are still processing our response to your request, I ask that you refrain from appealing any determination made on this interim response until the final determination has been made. Instructions on how to file an appeal will be included in our final response letter.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact us and refer to FOIA case number 2020-FEFO-00393. You may send an e-mail to fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov, call (202) 646-3323, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Responsive Records (117 Excel spreadsheets)