

Office of the Secretary, Interior

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law judges in Indian probate proceedings are available for inspection and copying in their respective offices.

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§ 2.3 Administrative manuals.

The Departmental Manual is available for inspection in the Departmental Library, Interior Building, Washington, DC, and at each of the regional offices of bureaus of the Department. The administrative manuals of those bureaus which have issued such documents are available for inspection at the headquarters officers and at the regional offices of the bureaus.

Subpart B—Requests for Records

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§ 2.11 Purpose and scope.

(a) This subpart contains the procedures for submission to and consideration by the Department of the Interior of requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) Before invoking the formal procedures set out below, persons seeking records from the Department may find it useful to consult with the appropriate bureau FOIA officer. Bureau offices are listed in Appendix B to this part.

(c) The procedures in this subpart do not apply to:

(1) Records published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, opinions in the adjudication of cases, statements of policy and interpretations, and administrative staff manuals that have been published or made available under subpart A of this part.

(2) Records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes and covered by the disclosure exemption described in § 2.13(c)(7) if—

(i) The investigation or proceeding involves a possible violation of criminal law; and

(ii) There is reason to believe that—
(A) The subject of the investigation or proceeding is not aware of its pendency, and

(B) Disclosure of the existence of the records could reasonably be expected to

interfere with enforcement proceedings.

(3) Informant records maintained by a criminal law enforcement component of the Department under an informant's name or personal identifier, if requested by a third party according to the informant's name or personal identifier, unless the informant's status as an informant has been officially confirmed.

§ 2.12 Definitions.

(a) *Act* and *FOIA* mean the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

(b) *Bureau* refers to all constituent bureaus of the Department of the Interior, the Office of the Secretary, and the other Departmental offices. A list of bureaus is contained in Appendix B to this part.

(c) *Working day* means a regular Federal workday. It does not include Saturdays, Sundays or public legal holidays.

§ 2.13 Records available.

(a) *Department policy*. It is the policy of the Department of the Interior to make the records of the Department available to the public to the greatest extent possible, in keeping with the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) *Statutory disclosure requirement*. The Act requires that the Department, on a request from a member of the public submitted in accordance with the procedures in this subpart, make requested records available for inspection and copying.

(c) *Statutory exemptions*. Exempted from the Act's statutory disclosure requirement are matters that are:

(1)(i) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and

(ii) Are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than the Privacy Act), provided that such statute—

(i) Requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner