

OpenTheGovernment.org enlisted volunteers from academia, good government groups, and others working in the public interest to conduct the audits, and POGO has been part of the Open Government Plans of four agencies: the [Department of Defense \(DoD\)](#), the [Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#), and [Nuclear Regulatory Commission \(NRC\)](#), and the [Merit Systems Protection Board](#).

DoD managed to improve its score from a 40 to a 53. One significant improvement was the inclusion of specific dates for agency actions, and setting goals to release additional high-priority information. DoD could strengthen its Plan if it provided the public with opportunities to participate in mission activities that specifically deal with accountability, such as weapons procurement and contracting.

FOIA Backlog Reduction: "Each agency with a significant pending backlog of Freedom of Information requests shall take steps to reduce any such backlog by the end of the year."

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